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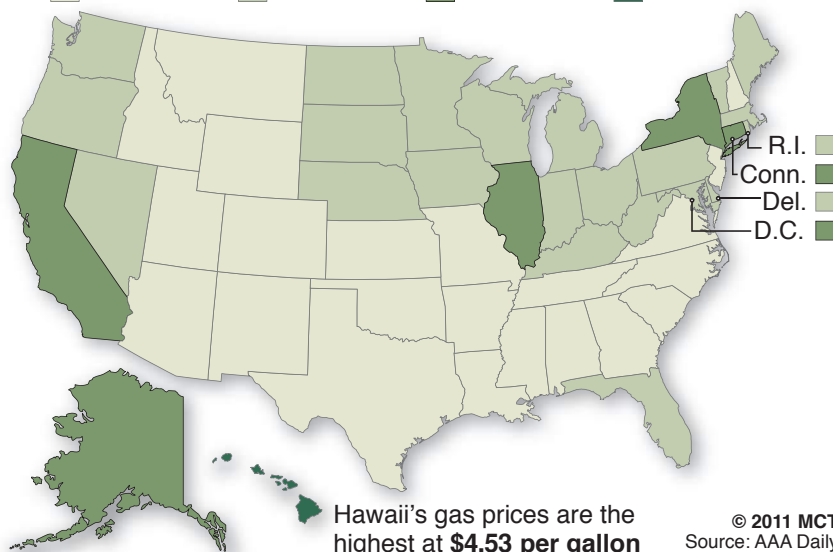
Saipan's fuel prices went up again yesterday by 10 cents a gallon, with diesel finally breaching the psychologically important threshold of \$5 a gallon and barely two weeks after the last pump price increase of 10 cents a gallon.

With the unrest in the Middle East and northern Africa keeping oil prices up, island motorists are now paying \$4.659 for every gallon of regular unleaded gaso-

line, \$4.979 for every gallon of premium unleaded gasoline, and \$5.119 a gallon of diesel at Mobil Oil Mariana Islands' See GAS on Page 4

Gas prices continue to rise with some states averaging more than \$4 per gallon. Prices per gallon for regular gasoline by state:

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2 US senators to visit Tinian

» Inos, other CNMI officials to bring up military buildup, ship repairs on Tinian

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U.S. Senate Armed Services Committee chair Sen. Carl Levin (D-Michigan) and member Sen. Jim Webb (D-Virginia) will visit Tinian on Tuesday, during which CNMI officials led by Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos are expected to hear updates on the assessment of Guam and Tinian's capac-

ity to host U.S. military troops from Japan, among other issues.

Levin and Webb will also be in Guam next week, or a week after 15 other U.S. senators stopped by Guam for refueling.

Webb's visit to Guam and Tinian, among other things, is a follow up to visits he made last year, in order to meet with local officials and American mili-

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A price display at the Mobil Oil Mariana Islands-Chalan Kiya service station shows the latest pump prices after a 10-cent increase yesterday morning, barely two weeks after another 10-cent hike. Other photo shows Tinian's gas prices, which have long been higher than the CNMI's minimum wage of \$5.05 an hour.

Tinian Health Center lets go of 1 physician assistant

» Unpaid obligation to Weiss about \$40K

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The Tinian Health Center is down to only one physician assistant after resident director Raymond T. Dela Cruz

Jr. terminated the services of William Weiss, who has served the Tinian community for almost seven years.

Sources disclosed that Weiss was served a termination notice last Friday, effective April 18. The resident director cited budgetary shortfall as the reason for letting go of Weiss' services.

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Armstrong said likely to accept offer

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After failing to get the top two candidates for the Northern Marianas College presidency, the Board of Regents formally sent yesterday a contract offer to Dr. Jeff Armstrong, its final pick.

Board of Regents chair Juan T. Lizama confirmed this with the Saipan Tribune yesterday, saying the offer will likely be accepted. Armstrong is currently the executive director of Eastern Iowa Community College District in Iowa.

Lizama, who is in California right See ARMSTRONG on Page 4



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DPH to conduct first behavioral health survey for adults

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The Department of Public Health's Community Guidance Center and the Department of Commerce's Central Statistics

Division will be doing a behavioral health survey of the adult population—a first in the Commonwealth.

The project targets 1,200 respondents on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

The study, designed for the local population 18 years old and above, will start on Saipan this Saturday, April 23; it will start on Rota and Tinian on May 10 and 13, respectively. The survey will last about six to eight

weeks on Saipan and two and four weeks on Rota and Tinian respectively.

According to DPH, the survey's main objective is to gain an understanding of behavioral health resources and needs in the CNMI with respect to substance abuse such as alcohol and tobacco use.

The survey will measure substance abuse within the last 30 days preceding the survey, age at first use, perceived risk and harm of use, disapproval of substance use, perception of workplace policy, family communication around drug use, and alcohol-related car crashes and injuries.

Beginning Saturday, trained enumerators will be visiting homes to conduct the survey and will each have official badges for identification.

James Arriola, from CGC's center for substance abuse prevention, said that previous behavioral health surveys by DPH and other agencies such as the

Public School System all catered to the younger population.

Because the survey was created by the CNMI, questions are specific to the local adult population on island. Questions about betel nut chewing and tobacco use as well as de-

pendency on traditional and cultural healers are among the questions.

Once the data is gathered, Arriola said that DPH-CGC will evaluate the information and see how programs can be adapted for the purpose.

The survey is funded by federal grants that support mental health programs.

Training available for those who assist victims of sexual violence

Volunteers and community advocates will respond and assist more effectively victims of sexual assault once they go through a federally funded training at Guma' Esperansa.

Keiko Odashiro, who works at the only permanent shelter in the CNMI for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and human trafficking, said Tuesday that volunteers will receive 40 hours of training on sexual assault services and advocacy skills and will coordinate with Guma' Esperansa staff to provide top-quality services to victims of sexual assault

According to Odashiro, the advocates will provide victims with crisis intervention and referral of services through a 24-hour hotline, counseling, and accompaniment to medical appointments, police interviews, and civil and criminal court proceedings.

To accomplish Guma' Esperansa's mandate to be accessible to all in need, Odashiro encourages people from different ethnic communities to apply for the training.

The training will be funded by the 2009 and 2010 Sexual Assault Services Program grant funds. For more information, call Karidat at 234-5248 or 6981. *(Clarissa V. David)*

Chamber: No to letting BMV handle driver's education

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce asked Gov. Benigno R. Fitial not to sign a bill authorizing the Bureau of Motor Vehicles to establish a student driver education program.

The latest version of Senate Bill 17-20, introduced by Senate floor leader Pete Reyes (R-Saipan), is now before the governor for action.

"Until such time as BMV demonstrates the ability to fund and equip and staff personnel for training prior to driver licensing, SCC does not support Senate Bill No. 17-20 before you," Chamber president Douglas Brennan told Fitial in an April 17 letter.

Brennan said the Chamber is sensitive to the findings where cost is a factor, whereby the Legislature expects BMV to assume this new and additional responsibility.

But the Chamber believes "BMV cannot shoulder the additional burden despite SB 17-20 suggested funding through slightly increased fees for licensing and learners permitting."

Brennan said until such time as drivers education classes are a part of all CNMI high school curriculum, or until such time as BMV is capable of successfully administering drivers education training for all CNMI residents that seek to attain a drivers license, the Chamber believes "the existing law which provides for a private company to train and prepare residents for licensing is preferable." *(Haidee V. Eugenio)*



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NMI high court submits proposed rules for Board of Bar Examiners

The CNMI Supreme Court has filed proposed rules that will establish a Board of Bar Examiners to administer the exam, to address any matters dealing with bar admission, and to manage applications.

Chief Justice Miguel S. Demapan submitted on April 11, 2011, to legislative leaders the proposed Title IX to the CNMI Supreme Court Rules, which addresses the Rules of Admission. The proposed rules will become effective 60 days from its submission to the Legislature, unless disapproved by a majority of either chamber.

At present, the CNMI Supreme Court administers the Commonwealth bar exam, which governs the admission into the CNMI Bar Association. Judges and justices grade the exam.

Demapan said he and associate justices Alexandro Castro and John Manglona came up with the proposed rules after working with the CNMI Bar Association and the National Conference of Bar Examiners.

The Board of Examiners shall be composed of the chief justice and associate justices, the Superior Court presiding judge or his/her designee, and the CNMI Bar Association president or his/her designee, with the chief justice or his/her designee serving as board chair. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

Hopwood, DPS join forces to combat drug problems

Hopwood Junior High School and the Department of Public Safety have joined forces to combat drug problems among the youth.

Through the department's Drug Abuse Resistance Educa-

tion Program, DARE, nearly 600 seventh graders are expected to complete a 10-week course that will guide them in addressing the spread of drug-related cases in the community.

Hopwood principal Jonas Bar-

cinas said yesterday the outreach program is part of the ongoing educational awareness, effort, and collaboration between the police and public schools in ensuring the safety of students.

During the course, Barcinas

said, DPS narcotics staffers presented students with facts about drugs in the Commonwealth. Among the presenters were officers Nathan Bermudes and Roy Kaipat.

"The awareness doesn't mean that students will be drug-free for the rest of their lives; what is vital here are the choices that they are going to make when they are out of

campus and back in the community," said Barcinas.

The principal also cited the important role played by parents. "The job of the schools is to provide students with as much tools to do the right thing and not to monitor what they do off campus."

DARE is one of three programs under the DPS Crime Prevention Unit. *(Moneth Deposa)*

Sentencing of man convicted of illegal drug charges postponed

Superior Court Associate Judge Ramona V. Manglona postponed yesterday the sentencing of a man convicted of illegal drug charges.

Ignacio A. Deleon Guerrero Sr.'s sentencing is now on May 2, 2011, at 3:30pm.

The judge said she wants both sides get all the documents filed in court before proceeding with the sentencing.

Manglona noted that she

had just received some letters from Deleon Guerrero's family members, mainly pleading for leniency.

Manglona also pointed out that Deleon Guerrero's lawyer, Joseph N. Camacho, had stated that he has not seen the prosecution's sentencing memorandum.

The original sentencing date was March 30, 2011.

On Dec. 16, 2010, the jury

found Deleon Guerrero guilty of conspiracy to trafficking of a controlled substance ("ice") and illegal possession of a controlled substance (marijuana).

The jurors acquitted Deleon Guerrero on two counts of trafficking of a controlled substance ("ice") and two counts of illegal possession of a controlled substance ("ice").

(Ferdie de la Torre)

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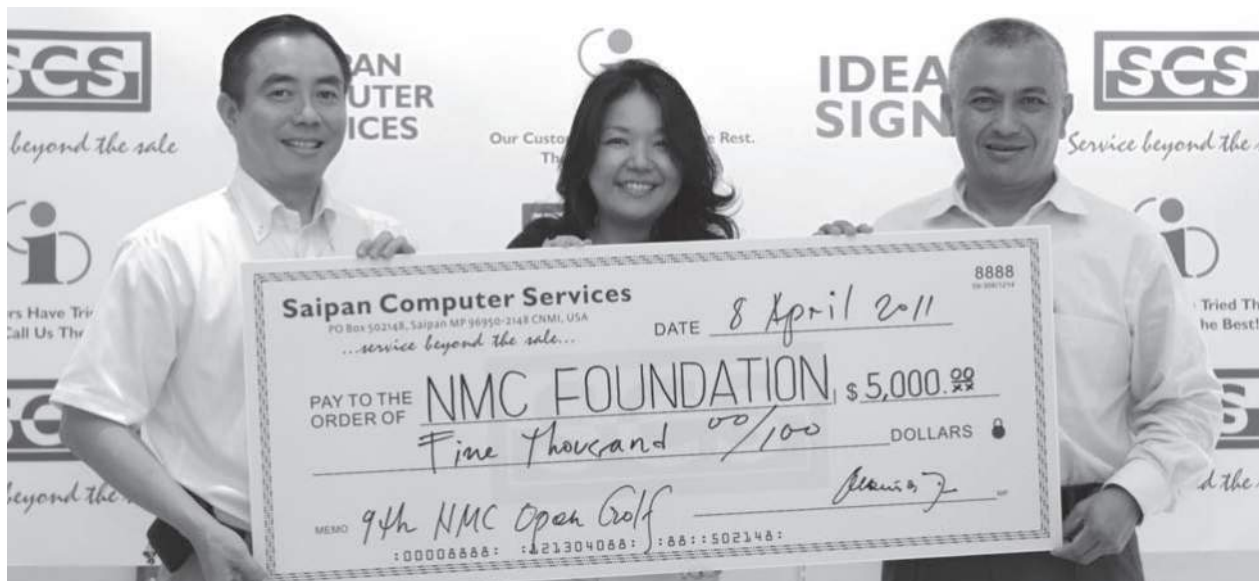
SCS donates \$5,000 to NMC Foundation

As a part of its commitment to support higher education, Saipan Computer Services made a donation of \$5,000 to the NMC Foundation. The donation

was made in support of the foundation's mission to expand educational opportunities for CNMI students.

"We are proud to be supporting the

community by providing funds for educational programs and services at NMC," said Jerry Tiu, Business Development director of SCS.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

From left, Jerry P. Tiu, Business Development director of SCS, and Kazuko Kawabe-Tiu, managing director of SCS, present a check for \$5,000 to Ben Babauta, president of NMC Foundation, in support of the 9th Annual NMC Foundation Open golf tournament slated for Saturday, April 30, 2011.

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Weiss was advised by the center's management to vacate his office and return all property Monday noon.

With his departure, the center is left with only one physician, Dr. Steve Lebamoff, the medical director, and two mid-level providers, Arley Long and John Pangelinan.

Weiss, when contacted yesterday, confirmed his termination and admitted that he feels "a lot of frustration and disappointment" with the decision. He did not elaborate.

"I feel bad leaving Tinian because of the healthcare projects that we initiated for the community," he said, adding that among these initiatives were efforts to create a diabetic clinic on Tinian.

Weiss plans to return on Saipan and may soon accept a job in Afghanistan.

"My stay in Tinian was fruitful. I met a lot of wonderful people and has worked with several good people such as nurses and ancillary staff," he added.

Saipan Tribune learned that the center had just renewed Weiss' contract in November 2010. Since Dec. 15, 2010, however, the center has failed to pay for Weiss' salary—with the debt accumulating to about \$40,000 to date.

Weiss confirmed that the center owes him between \$30,000 and \$40,000 representing unpaid services for many months.

Saipan Tribune learned that the decision to let go of Weiss came about after a series of meetings and efforts to address the center's budgetary shortfall and its inability to process the payment for services rendered by the staff.

According to sources, Dela Cruz, in

his termination notice, stated that the decision was "not easy" and that he understands its impact on Weiss. However, he said he can no longer continue to allow Weiss to work without payment, considering the amount involved.

He reportedly assured, however, that he will continue every effort to address the unpaid obligation to Weiss and that he will follow up on a new employment contract for the physician assistant.

Saipan Tribune learned that Weiss had tried to see Tinian Mayor Ramon Dela Cruz to discuss "THC issues." He said yesterday that he failed to get any appointment with the mayor, who is the father of the resident director.

THC resident director Dela Cruz did not respond to inquiries about the issue yesterday.

The center has a total of 15 nurses and accommodates about 50 patients daily during regular working hours.

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service stations.

Mobil raised its prices at 10am yesterday.

Shell Marianas' prices remained unchanged as of late yesterday afternoon, but Shell and Mobil historically mirror each other's price changes.

Diesel on Saipan is now also higher than the CNMI's minimum wage of \$5.05 an hour, just like pump prices on Rota and Tinian, which remained at \$5.50 to \$6.35 a gallon for regular and diesel, respectively, as of yesterday.

Gas prices in the CNMI are among—if not the—highest in the U.S. and its territories. As of April 19, the U.S. national average price gas was \$3.815 a gallon. Among states, Wyoming had the lowest average price at \$3.53 a gallon, while Hawaii had the highest at \$4.530 a gallon.

Guam's prices yesterday were \$4.52 a gallon for regular and \$4.86 a gallon for diesel.

Vincent G. Palacios, of Dandan, said it seemed there's no end to the gas price increases at a time when the economy is at its worst.

"It's going to be harder for us," he said, as he and his family filled up their sedan with \$20 regular gas at the Mobil-Chalan Kiya service station yester-

day afternoon.

He said the \$20 gas used to last for five days for the whole family, but that's not the case anymore.

"Now, that's good for only three to four days," Palacios told *Saipan Tribune*.

Rogelio Reyes, of Chalan Kiya, said he was able to stretch his \$10 gas for five days when gas prices were still at a little over \$3 a gallon. He said his \$10, which bought him 2.146 gallon of regular unleaded gas, is now good for only three days.

Reyes also said \$5 used to be good for 35 miles.

"Now, \$5 is only for some 20 miles," he added.

Reyes said while he does not have control over gas prices, he could further cut on other expenses such as for food.

He said it is too difficult to make ends meet nowadays, especially because his work hours as an auto mechanic have been cut from 80 to 72 hours since January.

"Now, if you could attend parties and eat there, that will also save you money," he added.

Joanna Abellanos, of Dandan, said the increasing gas prices have been eating up on their budget for food.

Another resident said he's earning only a minimum wage of \$5.05 an hour, which is almost the price of one

gallon of regular gasoline.

"What's worse is that I'm only paid 64 hours biweekly," the father of two said.

Yesterday's price increase came only two weeks after another round of gas price hikes.

This means that Saipan motorists are now paying at least 53 to 58 cents more for every gallon they pump into their vehicles as a result of the six price increases since the start of 2011. This also marked the 12th price change since 2010.

Since February 2009, Saipan motorists have seen an increase of at least \$2 to \$2.05 a gallon in gasoline prices.

Gennaro Cioffi, president and lead country manager at Mobil Oil Mariana Islands Inc., had said the prices of gasoline is determined by a number of factors, including changes in the world market wholesale prices of gasoline, and the regional gasoline supply and demand balance.

They also include transportation costs, insurance, local distribution, and marketing costs, government regulations, taxes, and competitive market forces, and investments in retail stations and distribution terminals.

Shell and Mobil do not issue advance notices of price increases. Many Saipan motorists learn of such price changes only by the price displays at gasoline stations.

The NMC Foundation is the fundraising arm of the college and is composed of volunteers from the community committed to ensuring that CNMI students receive support in pursuing their educational goals. The golf tournament is the organization's signature event for raising funds.

"SCS's donation is greatly appreciated," said NMC Foundation president Ben Babauta. "The company's support of the golf tournament will contribute to the NMC Foundation's fundraising efforts."

The 9th Annual NMC Foundation Open golf tournament will be held on Saturday, April 30, 2011, at Laolao Bay Golf & Resort (West Course). Showtime is at 6am with a shotgun start at

7am; it will follow a medal play format.

There will be six separate flight categories: Championship, A, B, C, ladies, and seniors. The prize for first place is a roundtrip ticket to anywhere Continental flies in Asia and Micronesia and \$500 cash. For second place the prize is \$300, and \$200 for second place. The event will also include major hole-in-one prizes.

For information on how to donate to the NMC Foundation or to register to play, log on to www.nmcnet.edu or call 234-5498 Ext. 1050. Registration forms can be downloaded or picked up at the NMC Cashier's Office, Saipan Laolao Bay Golf & Resort, or Triple J Motors. The fee is \$95 per person. (NMC)

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now, disclosed that he and Armstrong talked yesterday about some provisions of the contract.

"Everybody has a concern, but as far as the contract offer to Dr. Armstrong [is concerned], I believe we have a better chance," said Lizama.

He said the two-year employment contract—\$80,000 per annum salary, \$800 monthly housing allowance, and termination only for cause—was sent to Armstrong for further review.

Unlike the five-day timeframe given to Dr. Sharon Hart, Lizama said the period could be extended as long as negotiations are ongoing between the regents and Armstrong.

He admitted that Armstrong is the

board's "last hope" in terms of addressing the concern of the accreditation commission.

The lack of a chief executive officer at NMC was among the deficiencies cited by the accreditation team, earning the college its continued show-cause status.

Lizama received over the weekend Hart's decision to reject the board's proposed contract. He declined to disclose the points of contention besides saying that he respects Hart's decision.

Saipan Tribune learned that Hart had some conditions that she wanted included in the contract, to which the board declined. The board's first pick, Dr. Christa Adams, withdrew her application even before being offered a contract.

Armstrong did not respond yesterday to an email and voice message from *Saipan Tribune* for comment.

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tary leaders responsible for the proposed realignment of U.S. military bases in the Pacific region, his office said in a statement.

Webb's last visit to the CNMI was in February 2010.

Webb, who is also chairman of the U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations East Asian and Pacific Affairs Subcommittee, is set to visit Korea, Vietnam, Japan, Guam, and Tinian from April 16-29.

Inos, along with press secretary Angel Demapan, will join Tinian Mayor Ramon Dela Cruz, the Tinian Legislative Delegation led by Senate Vice President Jude U. Hofschneider (R-Tinian) and other officials in welcoming the two senators.

Hofschneider and Dela Cruz separately said yesterday that they look forward to hearing from Webb and Levin updates on the military buildup in Guam and Tinian.

The U.S. military plans to develop four live-fire training ranges on Tinian: A platoon battle course, an automated combat pistol/military police firearms qualification course, rifle known distance range, and a field firing range.

"We'd like to seek more clarity on the buildup on Tinian. And we would have wanted more economic benefits to the island," Dela Cruz told *Saipan Tribune*.

Hofschneider and Dela Cruz said they would reiterate their request for an amendment of a U.S. law to allow Tinian to be designated as a U.S. port just like Guam and the U.S. Virgin Islands for the purpose of accepting U.S. military ships for repair or decommissioning to help save the CNMI's ailing economy.

"We would also like to have Congress include Chinese workers in the Commonwealth-only transitional worker regulations because the planned \$120-million investment on Tinian will be done mostly by workers from China," he said, referring to a casino and other development projects.

Press secretary Demapan separately said yesterday that the visiting U.S. senators will only be on the ground for a couple of hours.

"Lt. Gov. Inos is expected to join Tinian Mayor Dela Cruz to welcome them at the Tinian airport. While our office is still awaiting the final schedule of events, we expect that for the most part, Sens. Webb and Levin will be conducting a ground tour of the bomb pits and the proposed Marine Corps rifle range site," Demapan said.

Military officials said last year that Tinian could begin seeing construction of the four proposed live-fire training ranges in 2013 or 2014.

Once built on Tinian, they will be the largest live-fire training ranges this side of the region, although the size itself is small compared to other ranges of their kind in other areas.

Between 200 and 400 Marines can be accommodated within a one-week period 12 times a year on Tinian, but because other military branches and allied troops will also be allowed to use the ranges if the Marines are not using them, Tinian could expect hundreds more, the military said earlier.

Hofschneider, meanwhile, said he is thankful for Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan for helping make Webb and Levin's visit to the CNMI possible.

He said these two U.S. senators' visit shows that Tinian is very much a part of the forces realignment in the region.

Dela Cruz, for his part, said he's thankful for Webb and Levin for visiting Tinian.

Teen allegedly molests female minor, hides in closet

A teenager was caught hiding inside a closet after he allegedly broke into a house in Kagman III and sexually abused a female minor on Monday before dawn.

Brandon L. Borja, 18, was arrested for sexual abuse of a minor in the first degree, sexual assault in the first degree, assault and battery, burglary, and disturbing the peace. Bail was set at \$100,000 cash.

Borja was taken to court yesterday afternoon for his initial court appearance.

Detective Peter A. Aldan stated in his report that police officers had responded to the victim's residence after getting a call about the assault.

They arrested the suspect at 4:27am.

Preliminary investigation showed that the minor was sleeping inside her bedroom when she woke up around 2am and saw Borja climbing into the sliding window next to her bed. Borja then allegedly began molesting the girl but stopped when a light turned on outside the girl's bedroom. The suspect went inside the closet to hide.

The girl's mother opened the bedroom door and noticed the closet moving. She checked the closet and found the suspect hiding. The mother called the police. When the officers arrived, Borja was still inside the closet. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

LibDay application deadline extended to May 2

The Liberation Queen Committee has extended the deadline for turning in applications for the 2011 Liberation Day Queen contest to May 2, at 5pm, according to committee chair Vinicia Seman yesterday.

The Liberation Day Queen competition is open to young women who are U.S. citizens or residing in the CNMI for at least six months prior to May 2. Candidates must be single, never been married, have no children,

must not be in a cohabitant relationship, of good moral character, and never been arrested, charged, suspected, or involved in criminal acts.

According to Seman, eight have picked up applications "but none have turned it in."

"So I'm giving them more time. I surely hope to get more girls to sign up," Seman told *Saipan Tribune*.

Seman said she will meet with school representatives next

week to move forward with the registration.

Application forms are now available at the Saipan Mayor's Office in San Antonio office. For more information, call 234-6208. *(Clarissa V. David)*

Fitial names 2 to MVA, medical boards

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial appointed Kwang Joong Kim to serve on the Marianas Visitors Authority board of directors, and reappointed Dr. Ahmad Al-Alou to the Medical Profession Licensing Board.

This, as the Senate sets an April 27 public hearing on the governor's appointments of William S. Torres and Julian U. Hofschneider to serve on the Northern Marianas College's Board of Regents.

Fitial, in a letter to Senate President Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota), said that Al-Alou's reappointment, if confirmed by the Senate, will be for another four-year term expiring on Aug. 28, 2014.

The governor also told Man-

glona that he appointed Kim to represent the business sector on Saipan on the MVA board.

Like Al-Alou, Kim's appointment requires Senate consent and is a four-year term expiring on March 16, 2014.

Sen. Frank Cruz (R-Tinian), chairman of the Senate EAGI Committee, said the public hearing on Torres' and Hofschneider's appointments will be on April 27 at 9am.

Hofschneider will represent Tinian on the NMC board. Torres will serve the remainder of the term left vacant by former NMC board chair Paz Younis up to June 27, 2013. Torres will represent Saipan/private sector on the NMC board. *(Haidee V. Eugenio)*

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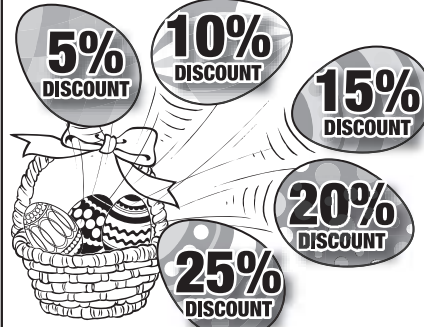
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Five arrested for unlawfully selling alcohol to minors

Five cashiers were arrested and detained for unlawfully selling alcohol to minors on April 15.

This was the result of the compliance checks conducted on Friday from 6pm to 10pm at 16 retail stores in Koblerville and San Antonio by the Juvenile Justice Task Force under the Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws program.

The stores that failed the compliance checks and were issued citations were CYA Market, KB Market, David Market, Sunrise Market, and San Antonio Supermarket.

The stores that passed the compliance checks were Islander Mini Mart, Sunleader Supermarket, Blue Sky Super Market, New World Market, Sister

Market, LKR Retail Store, YZL Store, Han Nam Market, ABCD Market, KL Market, and Shell Koblerville. All compliant retail establishments received congratulatory notices recognizing the efforts of the establishment and their employees in complying with the law.

Last April 16, the task force held a town hall meeting at the Pacific Islands Club promoting the education and enforcement of underage drinking laws. Participants consisted of representatives from retail stores in Koblerville and San Antonio, policymakers, youth, parents, and community members. A similar town hall meeting was also held at the Aqua Resort Club on April 6. These

town hall meetings are part of EUDL activities for April 2011, consistent with the Alcohol Awareness Month.

The task force is aggressively enforcing CNMI underage drinking laws and is reminding the public that selling, giving, or serving alcoholic beverages to persons under 21 years old is a serious offense, as well as minors purchasing, consuming or in possession of alcoholic beverages. Both may result in fines and imprisonment for a year.

Training in selling and serving alcoholic beverages responsibly is available for free. Although not mandatory, licensed retailers are urged to take advantage of this training to prevent or reduce the sale of

alcohol to minors. Training may be done at the place of business; contact 664-3065 and request to make an arrangement.

Task force members consist of

Tayags to visit Saipan, Guam for series of OFW workshops

By CLARISSA V. DAVID
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REPORTER

Multi-awarded speaker Bishop Nilo S. Tayag of the Iglesia Filipina Independiente or Philippine Independent Catholic Church and his wife, UP Manila Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs Dr. Josefina G. Tayag, will be on Saipan and Guam to conduct a series of workshops to empower Filipino workers.

Organized by the UP Alumni

Association and US Pinoys for Good Governance on Saipan, the workshops on Saipan will be held at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library conference room on May 1, from 1pm to 4pm, and on May 2-3, from 6pm to 9pm.

The workshops will be extended to Guam from May 5 to 7, with Guam Department of Labor director Leah Beth Naholowaa and Filipino Community in Guam vice president Roy Adonay coordinating these workshops.

The workshops, which are in conjunction with the observance of Philippine Labor Day, follow the theme "Bridging the Gap: Overseas Filipinos in Our Contemporary Society."

Workshop topics will include Livelihood Program for the Families of OFWs, Adjustment Problems of OFWs in Light of the Middle East Crisis, Organizing Families of OFWs in the Philippines for Livelihood Projects, Literacy Program for Overseas Filipino Workers, and OFW Bank.

Tayag, in a statement, said he looks forward to his meetings with the Filipino communities on Saipan and Guam, which he deems a "learning process" for him.

"The various inputs I would be receiving from them would form the basis for my policy-suggestions to the P-Noy Government, coming from the many people's organizations under the umbrella of the Kilusang Pilipinismo, which I currently

funds under the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Program through subgrant awards from the Criminal Justice Planning Agency. (PR)

chair," he said.

With increasing oil prices and the ongoing Middle East crisis, Tayag said the discussions with the Filipino communities on Saipan and Guam will focus on livelihood projects for the OFWs and their families.

"Their hard earned savings must be utilized effectively and must be protected by the government. I am sure that our discussions will be fruitful for all concerned as well as the Filipino people in general," he concluded.

Celia B. Lamkin, workshop coordinator on Saipan, said Tayag's visit would be a great opportunity for Filipinos on island to learn from a remarkable speaker.

"The workshops will help prepare Filipino workers and their families for whatever happens through livelihood projects," she told *Saipan Tribune*.

Lamkin said the workshops will have a registration fee of \$8 to defray costs.

In an email response, Consul General Medardo Macaraig said he has agreed to meet with Tayag's group, which will arrive on April 30.

"[I]f he will conduct livelihood workshops here in Saipan, then that would support and strengthen the Reintegration Program for OFWs that the Consulate is promoting," added Macaraig.

For registration, call Edgar Genobatan at 235-4728 or visit him at H&R Block along Beach Road to get tickets for the workshops.

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ADDENDUM NO. 01

03-21-11

RFP11-SOF-067

OPERATION and REVITALIZATION of La FIESTA MALL

The previously advertised notice, Request For Proposal ("RFP") for the "Operation & Revitalization of La Fiesta Mall" has been amended. The specific amendment is to modify include eleven (11) sheets of plans, extend when bids are due and when bids will open. Amendment shall read:

Proposals shall be submitted in a sealed envelope marked RFP-SOF-067 containing (1) original and five (5) copies and submitted to the Office of the Director of Procurement & Supply Office; Lower Base Saipan, MP 96950 **no later than 10:00 a.m. ChST April 29, 2011**. Any proposal submitted after the aforementioned date and time will no be accepted. All questions concerning this proposal shall be submitted in writing and must be received by **4:30 p.m. ChST April 14, 2011**.

Proposals must be sealed and marked "RFP11-SOF-067". For proposers within the CNMI one original and five (5) copies of sealed proposals must be submitted to the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than **10:00 a.m. ChST April 29, 2011**. Proposers located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their proposal by submitting a Notice of Intent to Propose. Notices of Intent to Propose must be received by the Director of Procurement 7 Supply no later than **10:00 a.m. ChST April 29, 2011** and may be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515 or email to procurement@pticom.com. For proposers located outside the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of sealed proposals must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official postal service of a foreign country no later than, **April 29, 2011 ChST** AND must be received no later than **May 11, 2011**. Note that the failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a proposal.

All other elements of the RFP remain as originally provided. For further information on this project, please contact the Office of Secretary of Finance, Capitol Hill, Saipan, during working hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - Monday through Friday, except holidays) or by contacting Ms. Larrisa Larson, Acting Secretary of Finance at (670)664-1100 or by fax at (670)664-1115. Questions are due no later than close of business day April 14, 2011.

/s/ LARRISA LARSON
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Owner of burned store countersues insurance firm

The owner of a clothing store in Garapan that was burned in October last year has filed a counter complaint against an insurance company that alleged that the fire had been intentionally set off to collect on an insurance claim.

Zhen Rui Brother Corp., owner of BL Clothing Store, is suing FirstNet Insurance Co. in federal court for breach of contract, breach of implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing, insurance bad faith, and unfair or deceptive business practices.

ZhenRuiBrotherCorp.,through counsel Ramon K. Quichocho, asked the U.S. District Court for the NMI to order FirstNet Insurance to pay damages, attorney’s fees, and court costs.

“This case is about FirstNet Insurance Company who denied a legitimate fire insurance claim that it is obligated to pay under the fire insurance policy that it issued,” Quichocho said.

Quichocho said that FirstNet Insurance “is very quick to receive full premium payment for a fire insurance policy, but now, it unfairly and unjustly refuses to pay.”

The lawyer stated that a burglary incident on March 24, 2010, at the store had prompted Zhen Rui Brother to buy a general liability and fire insurance in early May 2010 to protect the business.

Quichocho said that, on July 14, 2010, FirstNet issued s fire insurance policy to Zhen Rui

Brother effective July 3, 2010 to July 3, 2011.

On Oct. 30, 2010, a fire broke out at BL Clothing Store. Quichocho said the Fire Prevention Section’s conclusion is that “this case is still undetermined pending further investigation.”

Quichocho said that on Nov. 2, 2010, FirstNet, through its representative(s) hired three personnel to do an inventory and take pictures of the fire damage.

On Dec. 7, 2010, Zhen Rui Brother, through counsel, submitted the insurance claim.

Quichocho said that, on March 10, 2011, FirstNet filed the lawsuit against Zhen Rui Brother despite not serving the denial letter of the insurance claim, alleging that the fire was set off so that the clothing store’s owner could claim \$404,718.53 in insurance proceeds.

Later that day, Quichocho said, he received the denial letter from FirstNet via email from its counsel.

Quichocho said FirstNet’s failure and refusal to pay Zhen Rui Brother under the policy constitutes a breach of contract.

Attorney Richard W. Pierce, counsel for FirstNet, said the fire broke out at the store three months after Zhen Rui Brother obtained the insurance policy. Pierce alleged that on the night the fire broke out, one or more persons used an accelerator to ignite fires within the store. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*



April 21, 2000

Pepero: Govt is addressing PCB problem

Acting Gov. Jesus R. Sablan yesterday made fresh attempt to assure residents of Tanapag of government efforts to rid the village of the polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) contamination in the wake of the alarm sounded by Greenpeace. The international environmental group has declared the northern coastal village on Saipan a toxic hot spot to compel the U.S. government to clean up the mess left behind by its military forces stationed on the island in the 1960s. While the Greenpeace’s action will draw international attention to the problem, Mr. Sablan stressed both the CNMI and federal governments have put in place measures to address the contamination.

Plan to restructure MVA board opposed

The Marianas Visitors Authority has opposed a proposed measure which would change the structure of the board of directors reducing the number of members that will be appointed by the governor because it is unconstitutional and in violation of the CNMI public policy. Currently, five members of the board are appointed by the governor while the four remaining members are elected by the MVA tourism industry members. In a letter sent to Rep. Dino M. Jones, MVA managing director Perry Tenorio said MVA was created in conformance with Public Law 11-15 which declared the Authority as a public corporation.

April 21, 2003

Suspected SARS case in NMI

A ranking government official has confirmed that the Department of Public Health has quarantined a person suspected to be afflicted with the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome. The highly reliable source, who wanted anonymity, said the department learned about the case “a few days ago.” An earlier unconfirmed report said that the suspected person recently arrived from Thailand, which has recorded two SARS deaths and seven probable SARS cases. DPH Secretary James U. Hofschneider declined to confirm the quarantine case.

NMI gets \$435K from tobacco firms

Attorney General Ramona Manglona disclosed that the CNMI was to receive some \$435,000 from Philip Morris and other tobacco manufacturers last week, in accordance with the Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement. Under the agreement, the tobacco companies are to pay several states and territories annual payments in perpetuity. According to Manglona, the payments are estimated to total around \$206 billion by 2025. “This is excellent news,” said Manglona in a press statement, adding that the payment was timely.

April 21, 2004

CUC is OK with Puerto Rico plant relocation

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. board favors the immediate relocation of power plant 4 in Puerto Rico following complaints from local residents of noise pollution, environmental degradation, and other health risks. “There is no problem with us on the relocation of the plant. We will relocate it but we still have to go through some legal concerns,” said CUC board chairman Herman P. Sablan. “I’m in favor of that because people are suffering. There is a need to shut it down due to environmental concerns.” Gov. N. Babauta earlier wrote the CUC board urging it to conduct a feasibility study on the relocation of the Puerto Rico power plant 4 amid the residents’ complaints.

CNMI to get \$37K grant to help deter drunk driving, increase seat belt use

The CNMMI has been approved to receive \$37,881 as its share in the \$33 million incentive grants that will be released by the U.S. Department of Transportation for programs to combat alcohol-impaired driving and to increase the use of safety belts and child restraints. U.S. Transportation Secretary Norman Y. Mineta, who announced Monday the release of the grant funds, said these grants will be used by states and territories to address key concerns of safety belt usage and impaired driving, which are key to improving safety on America’s highways. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration data show that safety belts and child restraints save lives. It estimates that more than 14,000 lives are saved by safety belts each year and another 300 lives per year are saved by child restraints. The safety belt use rate in the United States is 79 percent. The child safety seat use rate for infants is 99 percent, the rate for those aged 1-3 is 94 percent, and the rate for children 4 to 7 (booster seat age) is 83 percent.

NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

for

Antares Wholesaler

The public is invited to attend and provide comments at a Zoning Board public hearing on this Conditional Use application. Lourdes M. Austria of Aduana International Freight Forwarding Services, Inc. would like to use the existing building on Lot E.A. 825 New 1-1 for a warehouse and wholesaling operation. The property is zoned as “Village Commercial”. This site is located directly on Msgr Martinez Road in the Village of As Lito. This is within proximity of the intersection of Msgr Martinez Road with As Lito Drive.

Date: Thursday May 5th, 2011
Time: 5:00 pm
Place: Zoning Office, 2nd Floor, Joeten Dandan Building, Saipan

The above application may be viewed at the Zoning Office, 2nd Floor, Joeten Dandan Building, Saipan. Comments on the projects may be submitted orally or in writing at the public hearing. Written comments may also be submitted in writing to the Zoning Office no later than 4:30pm, May 4th, 2011. Written comments may be submitted via email to dwyatt@zoning.gov.mp, via US mail to Caller Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950 or delivered to the Zoning Office, 2nd floor, Joeten Building, Dandan, Saipan.

For questions or access to materials to be considered at the public hearing, or if you require assistance, please contact Douglas Wyatt, at 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq. & Division 3 of Title 10 CMC).

/s/ Diego C. Blanco, Board Chairman

NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

for

Saipan Jesus Love Church

The public is invited to attend and provide comments at a Zoning Board public hearing on this Conditional Use application. Pastor Gi Jo Kim would like to establish a church on Lot 005 I 327, along Tinaktak Drive, in Koblerville. The property is zoned as “Village Residential”. This site is south of Koblerville Road at the southeast corner (approximately) of Tinaktak Drive and Fanihin Tasi Drive.

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/s/ Diego C. Blanco, Board Chairman

NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

for

Solar System Corporation

The public is invited to attend and provide comments at a Zoning Board public hearing on this Variance Request application. Mr. Naotaka Kagawa of Solar System Corporation would like to construct a Solar Power (Photovoltaic) Generation facility on Lot 032 A 01 in the Village of San Roque. This property is zoned as “Rural”. This is just north of the Marpi baseball field and within 2,500’ of Wing Beach. To make this project feasible, the applicants request a reduction of the required fifty (50) foot setbacks from the front, side, and rear property lines.

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/s/ Diego C. Blanco, Board Chairman

NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

for

Town House Inc.

The public is invited to attend and provide comments at a Zoning Board public hearing on this Conditional Use application. Mr. Howard Wesner III of Town House Inc. is requesting a Conditional Use Permit to build a refrigerated warehouse on Lot 023 D 68, Lot 023 D 69, and Tract 22812, in Lower Navy Hill. This is at the intersection of Pattida Drive and Chalan Pale Arnold Road. Town House Inc. will use the property for wholesaling and warehousing activities. The property is zoned as “Mixed Commercial”.

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'Domestic violence an issue for all 3 branches of govt'



Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo, Northern Marianas Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence board member Keiko Odashiro, executive director Maisie Tenorio, and program coordinator Kiki Igitol join service providers and volunteers during a press briefing at Govendo's courtroom last Tuesday.

By **CLARISSA V. DAVID**
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REPORTER

Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo said the issue of domestic and sexual violence involves not just the Judiciary but all three branches of the government.

The Judiciary, Govendo said, is "where things ultimately end up," whether it's a sexual violence case that ends up in trial or pleaded out or with a temporary restraining order or an order of protection awarded by the court.

"The third branch of government [Judiciary] is where these cases ultimately end where

there's punishments or other orders of the court that are given to the parties that are involved," he said on Tuesday.

On the other hand, the legislative branch is responsible for creating the laws.

"We're here [in a courtroom] because we have laws that are to be followed. ... These laws are created in the Legislature. That's the first branch of the government," said Govendo.

The second branch of the government, the Executive Branch, is tasked to execute the laws passed by the Legislature.

"These laws that are passed by the Legislature have to be

executed and that is done by the Executive Branch of the government, namely the Attorney General's Office," said Govendo.

While all branches of the government are involved in domestic and sexual violence issue, Govendo noted that the most important people that deal with these cases are the different service providers and volunteers who help the victims.

"All of you...you've done a wonderful job. I've seen you for many years, same faces dealing with the same people who really need help," Govendo told the volunteers gathered in his courtroom for a news briefing.

Pregnant woman beaten up, taken to CHC

A pregnant woman was admitted overnight for observation at the Commonwealth Health Center after her husband allegedly beat her up at their residence in San Vicente Sunday night.

The victim was transferred from CHC's emergency room to the labor and delivery section for observation of her nearly full-term unborn baby.

The victim reportedly has bruises and swelling around the left eye and left cheek, scratches on the left side of the head, and a bleeding lower lip.

The suspect, Elvis Bisala Tibong, 33, was arrested Sunday at 11:39pm at CHC for assault and battery, and disturbing the peace. Bail was set at \$1,500 cash.

Detective Peter A. Aldan stated

in his report that the Tibong had been trying to put the victim's 5-year-old son to sleep and had held the boy's mouth hard to prevent him from crying. The victim pushed Tibong and told him to let go of her son's mouth.

The defendant then allegedly beat up the victim. After the incident, Tibong brought the victim to CHC. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

Govendo, who always wishes he could already announce that there's no more domestic violence cases in the CNMI during Men's March Against Domestic Violence every October, said he's "never going to be able to say that."

"We're never going to end sexual violence but it is you people, the vigilance and caring

that you display for the victims, that lets this system evolve and eventually, it keeps the awareness in front of people so they know there are people to help them...and we must always continue to do that," he added.

CNMI observes Sexual Assault Awareness Month this April. The theme "It's time... to get involved" encourages the

public not to become mere bystanders on the issue.

The monthlong celebration will culminate with the Safe, Aware, Free, Empower or SAFE Jamboree to be held at the Koblerville Youth Learning Center and Basketball Court on April 30.

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This Easter, choose eggs that are green, not mean

By LINDSAY POLLARD-POST

PEOPLE FOR THE ETHICAL TREATMENT OF ANIMALS

The White House recently announced that its annual Easter Egg Roll event will feature “green” eggs. They’ll come in a variety of pastel colors, but they’ll all be “green” because they’ll be made from Forest Stewardship Council-certified hardwood and packaged in environmentally friendly materials. Not only are these eggs better for the environment, they’re also better for chickens. Everyone who celebrates Easter can follow the White House’s lead and be green, not mean, by choosing faux eggs instead of chicken eggs this spring.

For hens who are forced to lay eggs, Easter is nothing to celebrate. Most of the eggs that Americans dye and decorate for the holiday come from chickens who are confined to filthy factory farm sheds containing row upon row of tiny, multitered wire cages. These hens spend their lives crammed into cages with four to 10 other birds. Each bird’s average living space is smaller than a letter-sized sheet of paper. Hens on egg factory farms never breathe fresh air, feel the warmth of the sun on their backs or engage in any of their natural behaviors. They can’t even stretch a single wing.

The birds are crammed so closely together that these normally clean animals are forced to urinate and defecate on one another. The stench of ammonia from the accumulated feces under the birds saturates the air and burns the birds’ feathers. Disease runs rampant in the filthy, cramped sheds. Many birds die, and the survivors are often forced to live with their dead and dying cagemates, who are sometimes left to rot.

Meanwhile, male chicks are considered worthless to the egg industry because they don’t produce eggs and are too small to profitably be used for their flesh. So every year, millions of male birds are thrown into macerators and ground up alive or tossed into trash bags to slowly suffocate.

Luckily, kids don’t care whether their Easter eggs came from a chicken. Having fun and spending time with family and friends is what matters, and neither of these requires real eggs.

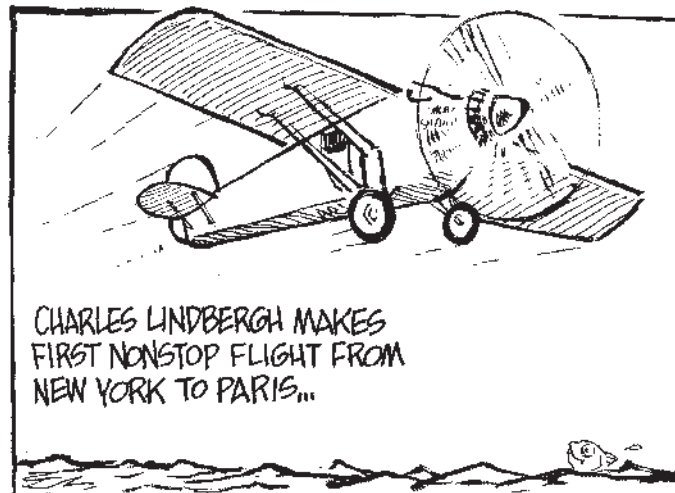
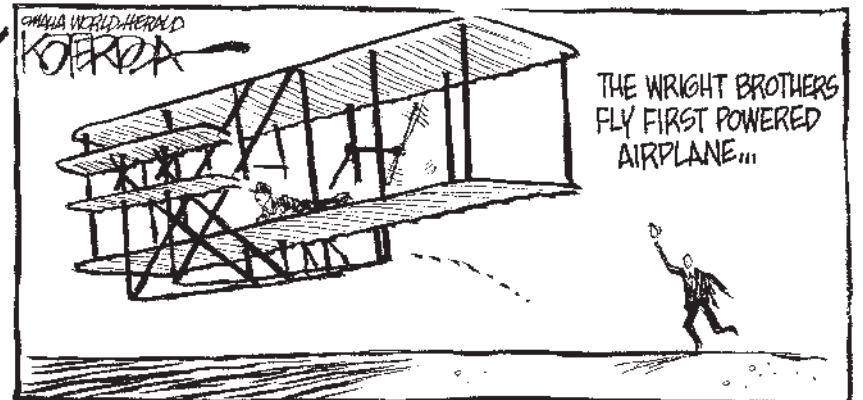
Most craft stores sell paper or wooden eggs that are perfect for painting or decorating with crayons, stickers, glitter or markers. They are mess-free and won’t crack if dropped, and kids can display them for as long as they’d like because, unlike real eggs, they won’t rot. For kids who are dying to dye something, making tie-dyed T-shirts is always a hit.

Brightly colored plastic eggs are ideal for Easter egg hunts. They can be filled with candy, small toys, coins, stickers, love notes or any other small surprise you can imagine. They are inexpensive, can be reused year after year and are much more exciting for kids to find than a hard-boiled egg.

Real eggs aren’t all they’re cracked up to be. This Easter, why not follow the First Family’s lead and have a first-class Easter celebration — without harming hens.

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Great Moments
IN
FLIGHT HISTORY



Mandy

That’s the title of a knee-weakening song made popular by Barry Manilow in ‘74, and reprised by the Irish mop-heads Westlife two decades later, but that is not our reference today. A Church historian notes that today should be called Mandy Thursday rather than Maundy Thursday since the day’s motif probably originated with the *mandamus* that Jesus issued to his disciples during the Last Supper to love one another. It was followed in the medieval tradition of the liege lord packing goodies for the less fortunate in an act of charity and compassion, *mendicare*, from whence the word “mendicant” (we now use to describe our monastic and nomadic lifestyle) is derived from.

In the West, the Seder tradition and the observance of the Last Supper are profound symbols. Heirs to the tradition of Israel recall the experience of the Jews in Egypt, both in bondage and liberation. The unleavened poor person’s *matzo* is broken and shared, a sandwiched bitter herb is consumed while four cups of wine are ritualistically downed. (A pillow is often provided should someone get inebriated after the fourth cup!) The Passover recalls the suffering under the Egyptian pharaoh and the freedom that divine intervention occasioned resulting in a generation wandering in the desert before reaching the Promised Land.

Followers of the Galilean carpenter Jesus, accorded the messianic Greek title *Christ*, took the name “Christians” to label their covenant and fellowship, and pattern their life understanding of sacrifice in servanthood as the mark of their discipleship.

The physicality of both these commemorations is unmistakable, the unleavened bread, the bitter herb and the wine of the Jews, the washing of the feet, the broken bread and spilled-out fruit of the vine explicitly representing in a carnivorous partaking of flesh and blood. This latter symbol would evolve into the Eucharist that is celebrated in the daily religious Mass. Maundy or Mandy, underlying the symbology of the Last Supper, is the affirmation of the physicality of human existence in both its gore and glory.

This carnivorous presence that is explicitly intoned in ritual, “this is my body, this my blood given for you; take, eat, and follow me” (that latter phrase was meant to establish a mold rather than the lame Protestant version of “doing this in remembrance of me.”) We will not delve on the sectarian difference. The Last Supper is celebrating the flesh and the blood of the living presence!

I contracted malaria around Lake Lagos in ‘80 when I failed to take the prophylactics I required the participants to take in the community development training school I was leading. Though I had by then intellectually assented to the falsity of the dichotomy between body and spirit, this incidence of being prey to mosquito bites and symptoms of hepatitis made me face the reality of finitude in a fundamental way.

While in a crowded bus in Lagos, I asked one of my colleagues (cautiously, politely and diplomatically) why there is not much use of deodorant to counter the fragrance of body effluence in the tropical heat. Matter of factly, he responded: “Well, how else would we

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Special to the Tribune

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know who our enemies and our friends are, if we could not distinguish their body odor?” I have 14 male and female Nigerian students in my Economics class here in North China, and when I related the story, they all nodded in assent. They were not offended at all. In former times, people of the same village smelled alike. We are what we eat is not an idle observation. And the aromatic similarity was the basis of trust. In fact, one of the students decried the practice of one of the non-Africans squirting her *eau de cologne* in the elevator each time she uses it alone!

Most of us educated in the Western mode understand cognition to be based on a priori assumptions on human rationality. “I think, therefore I am” is the classic formulation, the mind being the basis of identity and vocation. Somewhere on Saipan (gave away my library before I left) is my copy of the book *Philosophy in the Flesh*, Lakoff and Johnston’s attempt to introduce the empiricist perspective that the mind is embodied, consciousness is mostly subliminal, and that the language we use to describe knowledge and wisdom is, at best, metaphorical. I am reminded of this because I just saw a copy of it lying on the desk of one of my British colleagues in the faculty.

We often blame the genial but firm Queen Victoria and Victorian England for our aversion to things physical. The reason jazz was banned in respectable circles in America was the gentle clash of cymbals approximated the sound of the slithering snake, deeply embedded as a no-no in Western imagination. Thus, we disembodied music until we realized how ridiculous it was to try to tiptoe through the tulips!

In some Christian circles, the rite of the Last Supper ironically now carries a disdain for the physical, and have “spiritualized” the practice. But as my Oral English class is learning, and any linguist would know, the basic terms related to what we see, hear, smell, taste, and touch are the building blocks of any language structure, and are the first terms learned by a child in the acculturation process. The physical is that without which we have life, and we add on the expressions of emotions and thoughts, morality and values, actions and deeds as a prerogative of our freedom, not as a deterministic consequence of our being, but as an assertion of our choices.

In any relationship of love both in its mundane and *summum bonum* faces, “this is my body, this is my blood” is exactly what the words mean. Get physical, it’s Mandy Thursday!

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The power of service

"People who truly understand God's purpose for their lives know that we are called to be intimately involved with one another."—Zig Ziglar

Business and motivational trainer Brendon Burchard tells his story about an incident in the Dominican Republic that forever changed his life. At the time, he was lonely, depressed and emotionally dead after the breakup with the first woman he ever loved. A friend was driving too fast late one night to make a sharp turn and the vehicle went out of control. While it was tumbling, three questions came to his mind: Did I live? Did I love? Did I matter?

He was bleeding and felt like he was going to pass out after the car came to a stop. Burchard worried that he might not make it, but he then had an overpowering feeling of centeredness that caused him to have an intense sense of gratitude and appreciation for life. While in this state, he realized he had been given a second chance to live, to love, and to make a difference that really matters. The experience totally shifted his mindset, renewed his sense of purpose and drove him to be more intimately involved with others in order to make a difference in their lives.

It is through experiences like this, when life seems to be on the brink, that people make a major shift in thinking from "what's the most I can take from life, to "how can I more fully give back or serve others." Service is an interesting concept that people instinctively know is right and good, but it might go counter to their natural inclination to get the most for the least. Service means to give oneself freely for the benefit of others in a way that adds value to their life.

It may seem counterintuitive, but the more you give, the more you will get in life, and trying to get more (at the expense of others) will get you less in the long run. This principle can be summed up by sales and success author Zig Ziglar: "You can get anything in life you want if you will just help enough other people get what they want."

It seems like a simple formula. The more value you can add to your customers' lives, the more value that will be added to your life. The term that identifies this value-adding activity is "customer service." Serving your customers in a way that gives them greater value is one of the best ways to differentiate yourself from the numerous competitors who sell similar products or services. It is often the distinguishing characteristic of businesses that are outstanding in the minds of their customers.

In a recent survey of 93 local business owners and managers, 73 percent stated that they have a regular customer service training program in place. If that is accurate, you, the customer, should feel the difference in the way you are served. So the big question is: "Do you feel like the majority of the businesses you patronize are effective with their customer service training? Are you encouraged to return more often, purchase more on each visit, and refer others to those businesses?"

When you think about it, there are only three ways that any organization can grow their business through customers. First, they can increase the number of new customers that buy from them. This is where the majority focus their time, energy and money through advertising, promotions, and other marketing tactics. By getting more customers, it helps replace those lost through attrition.

The second way to grow your business is to increase the average amount of each transaction. This is often the "low hanging fruit" that most businesses do not do a good job plucking. It can be done through up-selling, cross-selling, and bundling products to encourage customers to buy more on each visit.

The last way is to increase the number of repeat purchases from your current customers. This is where the real money is made in business because it typically takes less money and effort to convince already existing and satisfied customers to return. However, how many of you feel like the businesses you patronize are effective at inviting you to come back?

Customer service is not only a nice aspect of business, but a vital key to staying in business and growing it exponentially because it affects all of the three ways to grow your business. Outstanding ser-

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vice encourages customers to return more often, purchase more on each visit, and it creates an effective sales force from your customers, who tell other people about the value you can offer.

Through a focused program aimed to train your staff to better serve your customers, you will not only create more loyal and dedicated customers, but you'll gain the added benefit of developing more loyal and dedicated employees. This in turn will reduce your overhead costs through lower turnover, and it will get everyone focused on the same page.

I've been fascinated with the power of service over the years and have invested a lot of time and money in training, research, and books. I created Northern Marianas College's customer service course because of the importance I know it has in business. Effective customer service is so powerful because it can make a difference in many different areas of your business, and the attitude required to serve well carries over into many other aspects of your life. So, in the spirit of service, I want to give back to the businesses by offering some ideas in future articles that can be shared or used to better train your staff in customer service.

I'd like to end with a quote from Albert Einstien, who said: "Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile." By adding value through service to the greatest number of people, you will receive an abundance of value into our own life that will allow you to get anything you want, and to make a difference that really matters in the lives of your customers.

A witness remembers Chernobyl

By **DANA SMOLYAK**
THE PROGRESSIVE MEDIA PROJECT

A phone call woke up my family in Kiev, Ukraine, in the early hours of Saturday, April 26, 1986. As you know, such phone calls are never a good sign.

The caller told my father, a major and a lecturer at the Police Academy of Ukraine, that an emergency alert was issued and all personnel must immediately get to the academy headquarters.

At the headquarters, the commanding officer said there had been a big accident at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant, approximately 50 miles away from Kiev. My father and all other personnel were ordered to go there and help evacuate people. They stayed in Chernobyl for three days and three nights with no protection, not even a mask.

That first day, while my father was away and we were wondering what had happened, a relative called. She was the type to know all the latest gossip in town. "Close all the windows, stay indoors and store your water," she said.

Alas, there was no way to know that our old wooden window frames were no use against radiation, and the water had already been contaminated.

In the following days, some official advice appeared: Wash your footwear upon returning home, take a shower and wash your hair every time you have been outside, change your clothes frequently and, of course, keep your windows shut.

In the nights, we could hear water trucks plying the streets to wash off radiation. They would come up to apartment buildings and aim the hoses at walls and windows as high as they could reach.

In the first days of May, another rumor hit the city: "Get your kids out of here as soon as possible." And that's when the real panic started.

Trying to cope with uncertainty and fear in the first days and weeks after the accident, people were coming up with dozens of "Chernobyl jokes." My mother, a Soviet journalist, was writing them down in a little notebook with red flag on the cover:

"What is the best way to deal with radiation, comrade?"

Just wrap yourself in a white sheet and slowly crawl to the nearest cemetery.

Why slowly?

Not to create panic.

To curb the panic, Soviet authorities, despite existing dry laws, made vodka and wine readily available even at street vending stalls.

When I heard about the Fukushima disaster, it was like having a flashback. The Japanese government chanted the same "everything is under control" emergency mantra as Soviet authorities did back in 1986.

Here in Ukraine, we know the taste of radiation panic but we lived through it and moved on. So, I hope the Japanese people, too, can crack a joke, have a glass of wine and leave it behind eventually.

But I also know that the real cost of such accidents goes far beyond the acres and acres of contaminated land or the many lives claimed directly by the accident. That cost includes the deep-rooted fear hiding in the heart of every human being after a tragedy like this.

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Save the Postal Service by ending home mail delivery

By **LANE FILLER**
NEWSDAY

A recent story about Glenwood Landing, a small Long Island hamlet that has no home mail delivery, left me saying, "Aw, cute." It's like those tales we read of communities transforming their downtowns into North Poles for Christmas, making us think, "That town's so adorable I want to pinch its bottom." Why must people in Glenwood Landing pick up their mail at the post office? Because the community has fewer than the 750 addresses necessary to make up a route. There are more such places nationally than we would guess.

But the sensible question isn't why tiny-town folk don't get catalogs, pizza coupons and credit-card offers delivered to their homes: It's, why do the rest of us?

The Postal Service, theoretically self-supporting, will lose a non-theoretical \$6.4 billion this year. There are many reasons for this, the biggest being workers driving around six days a week delivering fewer and fewer quaint pieces of paper to all of us.

The idea for reform currently getting the most attention in Congress is ending Saturday delivery. One can only imagine the brainstorming session leading to that bold idea: Lackey: "Sir, email, elec-

tronic bill-paying and private parcel companies are redefining mail patterns in a way that will destroy every assumption crucial to the Postal Service's 200-year-old business model." Congressman: "No problem. Just reduce delivery frequency by one day a week. Oh, and make the uniform shorts shorter. Sell the sizzle, I say."

The vast majority of American homes and businesses shouldn't receive mail delivery at all. Most should pick up their stuff from P.O. boxes, as often as they wish. This would improve things in a number of ways:

- It would stop the financial bleeding. The Postal Service has cut 100,000 employees in the last two years, yet it still has 572,000—one of the largest civilian workforces in the world. It can't shrink fast enough to break even without massive changes.

- As much as traditional mail volume has been reduced, it ought to decline even more. There's no reason for us to receive most bills by mail, or pay them that way either. The same is true of the offers to erase debts owed to the IRS clogging up our boxes and the mail for our invisible roommate, "Occupant." It's an expensive and resource-intensive system that's propped up by home mail delivery. Most of us would move all our dealings online if that delivery stopped.

- It would vastly reduce carbon emissions by eliminating deliv-

eries and, as I'll show in a second, create a new source of revenue that would actually drive mail prices down.

It probably makes sense to keep delivering mail to huge apartment and commercial buildings, because they're essentially routes in and of themselves. But elsewhere, it's silly.

There are two main arguments against moving most mail delivery to post office boxes: Having people go to the post office causes more driving than delivering the mail, and we'd have to build enough post offices to hold millions of new boxes.

Both can be solved with one letter, reading: "Dear supermarket owners, In each community you serve, each of you that submits high enough bids will be allowed to build and maintain 5,000 post office boxes in your store. Customers will come to pick up mail, and probably shop there an awful lot, so bid high. Yours truly, the United States Postal Service."

Since we go to the supermarket constantly, no trips will be added, and much driving to deliver mail will be eliminated.






It's hard to change these big institutions with the times, but not impossible. We just have to think outside the mailbox.

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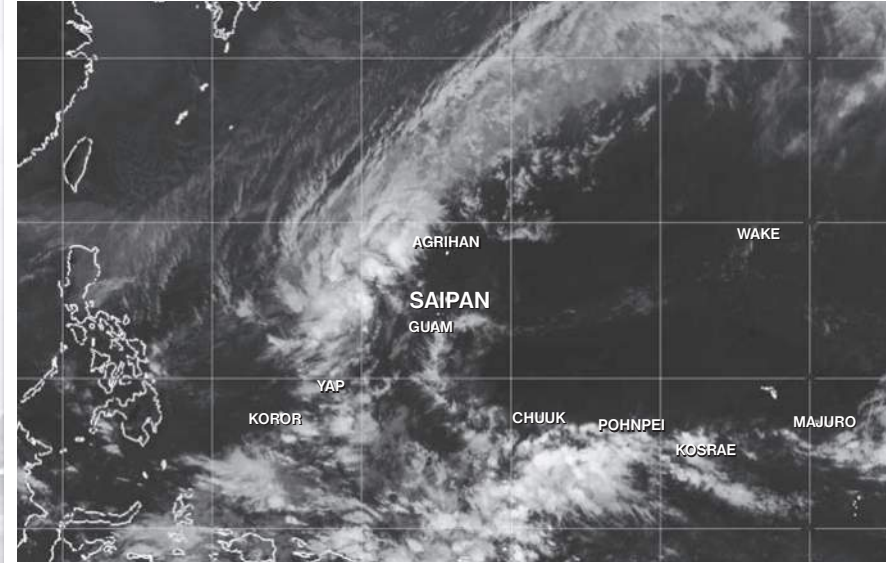
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A cold front extends southwestward from 25N147E to beyond 130E at 15N. Cloudiness and scattered showers are found within 150 miles of the front. A surface trough extends northeastward from a weak circulation just northwest of Yap at 12N136E to 18N140E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found within 100 miles of a line from 13N136E to 19N143E. Low-level convergence south of the circulation is generating scattered showers and a few thunderstorms near Yap and southeast of Koror within an area bounded by 4N130E to 10N136E to 8N141E to EQ142E to EQ130E back to 4N130E. Trade-wind convergence is producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms south of Chuuk and across Pohnpei and Kosrae within an area bounded by 4N143E to 6N148E to 6N163E to 2N166E to EQ151E to EQ143E back to 4N143E. Similar conditions are found east of Majuro east of a line from 10N179E to 5N170E to 1N176E.

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FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	
Rota-Saipan	17:50	18:20	Daily	
Saipan-Rota				
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	
Rota-Guam	10:20	10:45	Daily	
Saipan-Rota				
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	
Rota-Guam				
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily	
Saipan-Tinian				
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily	
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily	
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FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily	
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Saipan-Guam					
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5K168	14:20	17:30	HKG	05:10	Mon, Thu, Sat
Hong Kong-Saipan					
5K169	10:00	17:05	01:00	05:05	Tue, Fri, Sun
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Saipan-Guam					
5K382	18:00	18:50	HKG	00:50	Tue, Fri, Sun
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA
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MARIANAS PUBLIC LAND TRUST, Plaintiff,	Civil Action No. 06-0554-CV
vs.	NOTICE OF SALE
BONABE H. MARATITA and EMILIA E. MARATITA, Defendants.	

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that under and by virtue of a judgment made and entered in the above titled action on the 19th day of November, 2007, by the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, to satisfy the amount found and adjudged due Plaintiff in the above titled action from Defendants, as prescribed in the judgment, the undersigned counsel will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the **19th day of May, 2011 at 10 a.m.**, at the Marianas Public Land Trust Conference Room, Capitol Hill, Saipan, the premises and real estate, lying and being on Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, described in said judgment, to wit:

Lot 345 R 64, containing an area of 1,083 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Division of Lands and Surveys Official Cadastral Plat No. 345 R 03 dated December 19, 1983.

Terms and Conditions of Sale.

- Rights and duties of Auctioneer.** Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales with reserve, the auctioneer shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale:
 - withdraw the property listed for sale in the public announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted.
 - To adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is sold, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and
 - To reject any and all bids.
- Bids.** Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for any and all of the property listed in the notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the property. Bids may be entered in person, in writing, or by telephone to Robert T. Torres, Attorney at Law, Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 670-234-7859; Fax: 670-234-5749.
- Deposit and Payment.** A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within ten days of the auction sale. All payments must be made by cash, cashier's check, or money order. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within ten days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the 10% deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title and interest in any of the property will revert to MPLT.
- Change of Terms.** Auctioneer and MPLT reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct an enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.
- Inspection and No Warranty.** Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property; contact the Law Office of Robert T. Torres for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty. Failure to inspect the real property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.

DATED this 16th day of March, 2011.

/s/ Robert T. Torres, Auctioneer

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MARIANAS PUBLIC LAND TRUST, Plaintiff,	Civil Action No. 06-0332-CV
vs.	FOURTH AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE
ELPHIDIA S. KASE and the ESTATE OF TOSHICHI KASE, Deceased, Defendants.	

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that under and by virtue of a judgment made and entered in the above titled action on the 30th day of November, 2006, by the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, to satisfy the amount found and adjudged due Plaintiff in the above titled action from Defendants, as prescribed in the judgment, the undersigned counsel will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the **19th day of May, 2011 at 10 a.m.**, at the Marianas Public Land Trust Conference Room, Capitol Hill, Saipan, the premises and real estate, lying and being on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, described in said judgment, to wit:

Lot No. 005 I 298, containing an area of 953 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 005 I 05, the original of which was recorded on July 31, 1984 as Document No. 84-1364 at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office, Saipan.

Terms and Conditions of Sale.

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MARIANAS PUBLIC LAND TRUST, Plaintiff,	Civil Action No. 02-0397-CV
vs.	FOURTH AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE
DONALD T. FLORES and SHIRLINA DLG. FLORES, Defendants.	

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that under and by virtue of a judgment made and entered in the above titled action on the 18th day of January, 2005, by the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, to satisfy the amount found and adjudged due Plaintiff in the above titled action from Defendants, as prescribed in the judgment, the undersigned counsel will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the **19th day of May, 2011 at 10 a.m.**, at the Marianas Public Land Trust Conference Room, Capitol Hill, Saipan, the premises and real estate, lying and being on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, described in said judgment, to wit:

Lot No. 002 G 400, containing an area of 924 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 002 G 09 dated May 31, 1989 and filed at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office on May 14, 1990 as File No. 90-1906.

Terms and Conditions of Sale.

- Rights and duties of Auctioneer.** Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales with reserve, the auctioneer shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale:
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DATED this 16th day of March, 2011.

/s/ Robert T. Torres, Auctioneer

Lawmaker asks his colleagues to override veto on ‘settlement’ bill

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REPORTER

Rep. Ray Palacios (Cov-Saipan) is asking his colleagues to support an override of Gov. Benigno R. Fitial's veto on his bill authorizing the governor to negotiate a settlement and resolution of judgments entered against the CNMI government.

Palacios said he is still talking to his fellow House members one by one on his planned override.

Speaker Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan) said this is something that the House leadership will discuss today, Thursday.

Rep. Fred Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) said Palacios approached him to support an override, but he said he will need to further review the bill and the governor's concerns in vetoing House Bill 17-165, House Substitute 1.

He said he did not commit to either support or reject Palacios' proposal to override the veto.

Fitial, in vetoing the bill on Saturday, said approving the measure "would allow claimants to circumvent that law (1

CMC 7207) and take away the appropriations power from the Legislature while impacting the general fund by offsetting and crediting tax obligations."

The governor said the bill's language is also of concern, "as it is broad and sets no definite boundaries for settlement negotiations, which may result in more harm to the general fund and other government agencies."

Rep. Stanley Torres (Ind-Saipan) said he will not support an override of Fitial's veto of Palacios' bill.

Rep. Edmund Villagomez (Cov-Saipan) said Palacios also approached him, but said he told him that he will look at the governor's concerns first in vetoing the measure.

"As of now, I have no stand on the bill," he said.

Rep. Ray Tebuteb (R-Saipan) said he will not support an override of the governor's veto of a bill he did support in the first place.

He said the issues he raised during the voting on HB 17-165 was similar to what the governor stated in his veto message.

The governor also said he's

cognizant of the pending judgments against the CNMI government and the obligation to settle those judgments.

"Still, I must also balance the need to preserve our dwindling resources in order to effectively provide services to our Commonwealth," he said.

Palacios' HB 17-165, HS1 or the Judgment Settlement Act of 2011 does not specify particular court cases that could be subject to settlement.

In introducing the bill, Palacios said his proposal applies to all judgments against the CNMI, and need not be settled through immediate cash payment.

"Claimants should be given the opportunity to consider other methods of judgment satisfaction besides cash payment as it will benefit the Commonwealth. Such method would authorize the governor to negotiate with the claimants to effectuate a prompt and fair resolution of the issue," his bill states.

At least two-thirds of the House members and two-thirds of the Senate must approve an override for it to become successful.

Tinian delegation backs amending Telesource contract

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The Tinian Legislative Delegation has expressed its support to amending Telesource's existing contract with the Commonwealth Utilities Corp., saying this will eventually lower the rate of producing power on Tinian.

Delegation chair Sen. Jude Hofschneider appealed to the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission during Friday night's meeting on Capital Hill to approve the proposed amendment, citing the island's need for stable power supply in time for the anticipated military buildup in Guam.

Change order No. 5 on the Telesource contract proposes to modify the monthly payment structure by changing the quality management fee from \$50,000 to \$198,000 and reducing the production fee from 3 cents to 2.39 cents per kWh. Also, the contract will be extended by 15 years, with a provision that CUC could cut this to five years if CUC establishes that fossil fuel generation is no longer needed.

CPUC consultant Georgetown says, however, that the change order will cost CUC customers about \$33 million over the 15-year term of the change

order. Because of this, customers would see their monthly bills rise—for each 1,000 kWh per month of consumption, customers would immediately see a \$6.92 increase.

As such, Georgetown said, the Tinian plant will be the least loaded power plant, but will be the most expensive to operate on a day-to-day basis.

The cost in the first year will result in customers being required to pay \$1.5 million, it said.

Also included in the change order request is the elimination of the existing \$6 million buy-out provision of the contract and passing on to CUC the cost of lube oil, which is estimated at about \$300,000 per year. It also grants Telesource an exclusive power production arrangement for all future petroleum-based power production.

Due to these "differing interpretations" on the change order proposal, the commission has deferred making a decision on the matter until its October assembly to give both CUC and Georgetown time to resolve issues with the proposal.

For the delegation, members believe that the changes will result in a more reliable power supply for Tinian and an opportunity to explore alternative

energy for the island.

"We do support this proposal in consideration of the military buildup that would benefit Tinian," Hofschneider said, adding that once construction starts, the delegation will ask each and every contractor to connect to the CUC grid. He, however, did not explain how the proposal would lower the cost of producing power on Tinian.

According to CUC consultant economists.com, geothermal seems to be the best alternative energy source for Tinian. It would take some years, however, before the geothermal process is completed.

It said it would take nine months to a year for a company to complete the study and investigation of the planned energy source, including obtaining the required permits. Construction of the geothermal plant, it said, would probably take two to three years assuming everything is in place.

Geothermal experts have visited the CNMI since 2009 for alternative energy exploration.

CUC first contracted Telesource to build and operate a 10MW diesel power plant on Tinian in September 1997, at a cost of \$21.6 million. Under the contract, CUC would ultimately own and operate the plant.

2 Saipan, 2 Rota beach sites red-flagged

The Division of Environment Quality has red-flagged the Palms Resort and Tanapag Meeting Hall beaches on Saipan and the West Harbor Marina and District 1 storm drain on Rota and is advising the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of these

locations for the next 48 hours or until otherwise notified.

DEQ said that samples collected from these locations had excessive concentrations of fecal indicator bacteria (enterococci) that exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Stan-

dards. These bacteria can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in the water. Water samples were taken from 12 locations on Saipan and 12 locations on Rota this Wednesday. For more information, contact DEQ at 664-8500. (DEQ)

Business

Obama administration eases pain of Medicare cuts

WASHINGTON (AP)—Millions of seniors in popular private insurance plans offered through Medicare will be getting a reprieve from some of the most controversial cuts in President Barack Obama’s health care law.

In a policy shift critics see as political, the Health and Human Services department has decided to award quality bonuses to hundreds of Medicare Advantage plans rated merely average.

The \$6.7 billion infusion could head off service cuts that would have been a headache for Obama and Democrats in next year’s elections for the White House and Congress. More than half the roughly 11 million Medicare Advantage enrollees are in plans rated average.

The insurance industry says the bonuses will turn what would have averaged out as a net loss for the plans in 2012 into a slight increase.

In a recent letter to HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius, two prominent GOP lawmakers questioned what they termed the administration’s “newfound support” for Medicare Advantage.

The shift “may represent a thinly veiled use of taxpayer dollars for political purposes,” wrote Sen. Orrin Hatch of Utah and Rep. Dave Camp of Michigan. Camp chairs the House

Ways and Means Committee, which oversees Medicare. Hatch is his counterpart as ranking Republican on the Senate Finance Committee.

Seniors are among the deepest skeptics of the new health care law. A recent AP-GfK poll found that 62 percent disapprove of Obama’s handling of health care, as contrasted with 52 percent approval among Americans overall. The poll also found that seniors are more likely to trust Republicans than Democrats on health.

The administration says the reason for the bonuses is quality improvement, not politics, and the program will be evaluated as it goes along.

“We are looking at whether an alternative payment incentive structure would lead to broader quality improvements across all Medicare Advantage plans, by giving incentives for a broader range of plans to improve,” said Medicare spokesman Brian Cook.

Medicare covers seniors and disabled people. About one-fourth of beneficiaries are signed up in Medicare Advantage plans that offer lower out-of-pocket costs and more comprehensive benefits than the traditional program. Some of the heaviest enrollment is in politically contested states, in-

cluding Florida, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Nevada, Minnesota and Colorado.

The health care law cut \$145 billion over 10 years from Medicare Advantage, partly to correct a widely acknowledged problem with overpayments to the plans. Those cuts start off modestly in 2012 and build up. Insurers were expected to shift the burden to beneficiaries in the form of fewer services and higher out-of-pocket costs, triggering an exodus back to traditional Medicare.

“The net result is that the boat didn’t get rocked,” said independent analyst Dan Mendelson, president of the information firm Avalere Health. “It’s fair to say that (Medicare) could not tolerate dislocation, given the political climate.”

But Mendelson also said he agrees with the administration that the new money will get more plans thinking about how to improve quality, if they want to remain profitable.

“They are giving the plans training wheels to improve their quality,” he said.

The health care law itself tried to soften the impact of Medicare Advantage cuts by providing quality bonuses for highly-rated plans that received four or five stars in a government grading system.

Japan exports fall in March; 1st drop in 16 months

TOKYO (AP)—Japan’s exports in March fell for the first time in 16 months, hit by the fallout from last month’s massive earthquake and tsunami, which destroyed factories and crippled supply chains, the government said Wednesday.

Exports declined 2.2 percent to 5.87 trillion yen (\$71 billion), while imports rose 11.9 percent to 5.67 trillion yen last month, the finance ministry said.

The magnitude-9.0 earthquake and ensuing tsunami on March 11 destroyed many factories in northeastern Japan, crippling production and supply chains. The twin disasters have forced manufacturers including Toyota Motor Corp. and Sony Corp. to suspend production due to parts shortages.

The ministry said auto exports in March plunged 27.8 percent, while shipments of semiconduc-

tor products fell 6.9 percent.

Japan’s exports to the United States declined 3.4 percent to 828.7 billion yen, the first year-on-year fall in 15 months. Asia-bound exports slipped to 3.4 trillion yen, marking the first fall in 17 months.

Japanese exports to China edged up 3.8 percent, while those to the European Union grew 4.3 percent in March, the ministry said.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Toyota extends N. American production cuts

DETROIT (AP)—Toyota Motor Corp. has extended production cuts at its North American factories into early June as it struggles to deal with parts shortages caused by the earthquake that hit Japan. The disruptions caused by the March 11 earthquake and tsunami continue to spread. Toyota has warned dealers to expect shortages well into this summer, and has changed paint colors on many models because of chemical shortages from a supplier. Even U.S. automakers are feeling the pain, trimming production schedules at many plants. Ford has stopped making trucks in “tuxedo black” because of a pigment shortage. Despite the disruptions, Toyota promised no layoffs and said it

would be ready when parts start flowing again.

Feds: Fake news sites link to acai berry diet

CHICAGO (AP)—Consumers searching for unbiased journalism on the acai berry diet clicked their way into a scam, according to federal regulators who have filed lawsuits in six states in an attempt to shut down the alleged Internet tricksters. The Federal Trade Commission announced Tuesday it has asked federal courts to stop a wave of fake news sites that entice consumers to buy the unproven weight-loss products. The sites violate federal law by using the logos of major news outlets to mislead consumers into thinking they’re reading real news reports, according to the court filings. In reality, the sites are advertisements.

Intel’s earnings leap on business demand for PCs

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Intel Corp. exceeded Wall Street’s expectations with first-quarter earnings that jumped 29 percent, as businesses extended their yearlong buying streak and bought lots of new computers. At 43 years old, Intel is now among the old guard of the computing industry. But its latest quarterly numbers show that the company still wields tremendous firepower even as newcomers challenge its dominance with new types of mobile devices including smartphones and tablet computers. Intel’s guidance was stronger than expected, and the company’s confidence sent shares up more than 6 percent in extended trading Tuesday, after the results were reported.

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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
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MARIANAS PUBLIC LAND TRUST, Plaintiff,] Civil Action No. 06-0328-CV
vs.] THIRD AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE
FERNANDO H. RAMANGMOU and MARIE E. RAMANGMOU, Defendants.]

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that under and by virtue of a judgment made and entered in the above titled action on the 14th day of February, 2007, by the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, to satisfy the amount found and adjudged due Plaintiff in the above titled action from Defendants, as prescribed in the judgment, the undersigned counsel will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the **19th day of May, 2011 at 10 a.m.**, at the Marianas Public Land Trust Conference Room, Capitol Hill, Saipan, the premises and real estate, lying and being on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, described in said judgment, to wit:

Lot 002 G 303, containing an area of 929 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Division of Lands & Surveys Official Plat No. 002 G 07 dated May 31, 1989 and filed at the Commonwealth Recorder’s Office on May 14, 1990 as File No. 90-1904.

Terms and Conditions of Sale.

- 1. Rights and duties of Auctioneer.** Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales with reserve, the auctioneer shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale:
 - a) withdraw the property listed for sale in the public announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted.
 - b) To adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is sold, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and
 - c) To reject any and all bids.
- 2. Bids.** Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for any and all of the property listed in the notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the property. Bids may be entered in person, in writing, or by telephone to Robert T. Torres, Attorney at Law, Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 670-234-7859; Fax: 670-234-5749.
- 3. Deposit and Payment.** A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within ten days of the auction sale. All payments must be made by cash, cashier’s check, or money order. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within ten days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the 10% deposit, and any and all of the buyer’s rights, title and interest in any of the property will revert to MPLT.
- 4. Change of Terms.** Auctioneer and MPLT reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct an enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.
- 5. Inspection and No Warranty.** Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property; contact the Law Office of Robert T. Torres for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of the property are being sold “AS IS” and without warranty. Failure to inspect the real property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.

DATED this 16th day of March, 2011.

/s/ Robert T. Torres, Auctioneer

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MARIANAS PUBLIC LAND TRUST, Plaintiff,] Civil Action No. 06-0331-CV
vs.] SECOND NOTICE OF SALE
DIEGO SN. DELA CRUZ and LEOLANIE R. DELA CRUZ, Defendants.]

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that under and by virtue of a judgment made and entered in the above titled action on the 14th day of August, 2007, by the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, to satisfy the amount found and adjudged due Plaintiff in the above titled action from Defendants, as prescribed in the judgment, the undersigned counsel will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the **19th day of May, 2011 at 10 a.m.**, at the Marianas Public Land Trust Conference Room, Capitol Hill, Saipan, the premises and real estate, lying and being on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, described in said judgment, to wit:

Lot/Tract No. 011 G 403, containing an area of 858 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 011 G 07, the original of which was recorded on December 16, 1993 as Document No. 93-4415 at the Commonwealth Recorder’s Office, Saipan.

Terms and Conditions of Sale.

- 1. Rights and duties of Auctioneer.** Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales with reserve, the auctioneer shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale:
 - a) withdraw the property listed for sale in the public announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted.
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MARIANAS PUBLIC LAND TRUST, Plaintiff,] Civil Action No. 06-0590-CV
vs.] SECOND NOTICE OF SALE
WILLIAM DLG. ANGUI and JESSIE A. ANGUI, Defendants.]

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that under and by virtue of a judgment made and entered in the above titled action on the 23rd day of August, 2007, by the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, to satisfy the amount found and adjudged due Plaintiff in the above titled action from Defendants, as prescribed in the judgment, the undersigned counsel will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the **19th day of May, 2011 at 10 a.m.**, at the Marianas Public Land Trust Conference Room, Capitol Hill, Saipan, the premises and real estate, lying and being on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, described in said judgment, to wit:

Lot 011 G 1067, containing an area of 841 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Division of Lands and Surveys Official Cadastral Plat No. 001 G 19 dated December 9, 1993 and recorded at the Commonwealth Recorder’s Office on December 9, 1993 as File No. 93-4287.

Terms and Conditions of Sale.

- 1. Rights and duties of Auctioneer.** Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales with reserve, the auctioneer shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale:
 - a) withdraw the property listed for sale in the public announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted.
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/s/ Robert T. Torres, Auctioneer

Nation

Obama, advocates discuss immigration law overhaul

WASHINGTON (AP)—Under pressure from advocates and the 2012 re-election calendar, President Barack Obama on Tuesday enlisted a diverse group of elected officials and religious, business, labor, civil rights leaders and law enforcers to help build support for a long-stalled overhaul of the nation's immigration laws.

Obama is making a new attempt to fulfill his campaign pledge to enact broad changes early in his term. But his failure there has angered some Hispanics and immigrants' advocates, voters who helped elect him in 2008 and whom he'll need at the polls again next year.

A White House meeting with a group of about 70 people led to no breakthroughs on the way forward, just a call to action.

"The president asked the group to commit to moving forward to keep the debate about this issue alive, to keep it alive in the sense that it can get before Congress, where the ultimate resolution of it will have to be obtained," said Bill Bratton, the former police chief in Los Angeles and New York City. "The idea being to go out into our various communities and to speak about the issue."

Obama pledged to continue working to get Democrats and Republicans to agree on changes and said he'd lead a "civil debate" on the issue in the months ahead, the White House said in



Rev. Al Sharpton, president of the National Action Network, left, Eric Garcetti, Los Angeles city council member, second left, Philadelphia Police Chief Charles Ramsey, second right, and Bill Bratton, former Los Angeles and New York City police chief, emerge after meeting with President Obama about immigration reform at the White House in Washington, Tuesday, April 19, 2011.

a statement. He also said success won't happen if he alone is leading the debate.

"The president urged meeting participants to take a public and active role to lead a constructive and civil debate on the need to fix the broken immigration system," the White House said. "He stressed that in order to successfully tackle this issue they must bring the debate to communities around the country and involve many sectors of

American society in insisting that Congress act to create a system that meets our nation's needs for the 21st century and that upholds America's history as a nation of laws and a nation of immigrants."

The meeting was an attempt by the White House to demonstrate far-reaching support for immigration overhaul and to include voices often not heard in the debate, such as San Antonio Mayor Julian Castro and Facebook executive Sheryl

Sandberg.

Castro told The Associated Press afterward in an interview that Obama pledged to spend as much time on this issue as he spends on the deficit and health care.

The meeting also came ahead of Obama's visit Thursday to Los Angeles to raise money for his re-election campaign. Immigrants and their advocates planned to protest outside the Sony Pictures Studio, where the fundraiser was being held, to

remind Obama of his campaign promise and how they say his deportation policies are tearing apart their families.

The government forced a record 393,000 illegal immigrants to leave the country last year.

Others at the meeting said Obama acknowledged that the enforcement and deportations are affecting families, but was

clear that he would take no action that could be seen as usurping Congress' role and authority.

Immigrant advocates have been pressing for a number of administrative changes, such as granting hardship waivers to the undocumented parents of American-born children so the adults can continue living in the U.S. with their children.

Government to expand airline tarmac-delay rule

DALLAS (AP)—Federal officials are expanding a tarmac-delay rule to prohibit airlines from holding passengers on stranded international flights for longer than four hours.

The change stems from a late-December debacle in which several planes loaded with international travelers were stuck for up to 10 hours on snowy New York runways.

That's one provision in a new passenger-protection rule to be issued Wednesday. The rule also will require airlines to refund bag fees if they lose customers' luggage, to include fees and taxes in advertised prices, and to pay passengers more if they get bumped from oversold flights.

Most of the new regulations will take effect in four months. U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood, whose department will issue the new orders, said they were designed to make sure airlines treat travelers fairly.

"It's just common sense that if an airline loses your bag or you get bumped from a flight because it was oversold, you should be reimbursed," he said.

The new rule expands upon last year's 3-hour limit on tarmac delays for flights within the U.S. Consumer advocates complained that the rule didn't cover foreign airlines or inter-

national flights operated by U.S. ones, but their protests seemed to be ignored until the December blizzard shut down airports on the East Coast.

Several inbound flights, including ones operated by British Airways and Cathay Pacific, were stranded at New York airports with no chance for passengers to get off the plane for hours.

Transportation Department officials acknowledged the incident was a major factor in their decision to impose a 4-hour limit on tarmac delays for international flights. Airlines that break the rule can be fined up to \$27,500 per passenger—more than \$10 million for a fully loaded superjumbo jet like an Airbus A380—although the government has never imposed anything close to the maximum.

Airlines also will be required to provide food, water, working toilets and medical care after two hours.

In comments to the Transportation Department, airline trade groups said the threat of penalties will force them to cancel more international flights if there's a chance of a long delay. They warned that with some international flights operating only once every few days, passengers could be stranded far longer under the new rule.

Kindergartner brings gun to Texas school, 3 hurt

HOUSTON (AP)—A kindergartner who brought a loaded gun to his Houston elementary school Tuesday was among three students injured when the gun fired after falling from his pocket as he sat down for lunch, officials said.

One bullet was fired about 10:35 a.m. in the Ross Elementary School cafeteria, spraying fragments at the students, said Houston Independent School District Assistant Police Chief Robert Mock.

"It dropped on the floor, under the table. It was loud, it was so loud," 6-year-old Kennedy Glapion said as she was being picked up from the school by her grandmother.

Kennedi, one of 42 kindergartners having lunch in the cafeteria when the gun went off, said she was scared and started crying after it fired. She pointed to her right foot to indicate where she said she saw one child injured.

Two 6-year-old boys were wounded, including the one who had the gun. The boy who brought the gun was injured in his foot and the other boy was grazed in his leg, said Sam Sarabia, the elementary chief school officer for the Houston school district. A 5-year-old girl was



Evette Davis hugs her daughter Heaven, 5, and son Julian, 9, after a shooting at Ross Elementary school Tuesday, April 19, 2011, in Houston.

injured in her knee, he said.

The boy who brought the gun might have been injured by the bullet while the other boy and the girl might have been injured by shrapnel, Sarabia said.

All three children were in stable condition and seemed to be in good spirits, said Dr. David deLemos at Texas Children's Hospital, where the students were treated.

The hospital identified the girl as Za'Keyah Thomas, and one

of the injured boys as Khoran Brown, who was released from the hospital later Tuesday. The name of the boy who brought the gun was not released.

"It is a sad situation that this took place but we are thankful our son is in good spirits," Brown's parents said in a statement through the hospital. "He is already asking to get back to school."

Houston police spokesman Victor Senties said it is too early in the investigation to tell if any charges will be filed.

Upset parents rushed to the school in northeast Houston where yellow crime scene tape was strung and more than a dozen police and district patrol cars were parked. Parents were allowed to take their children home for the day if they preferred, and counselors were on hand as classes resumed for the afternoon, said district spokesman Norm Uhl.

"Although the danger is over, that doesn't make it any less frightening," Uhl said.

Most parents who picked up their children after the shooting said Ross is a good school overall and that there hadn't been similar problems previously. Still, the incident made some

wonder if additional security measures are needed. "Being that this is an elementary school you would think that it would be safe, but now this makes you think nothing is safe," said Shawn Dixon, 33, whose 10-year-old daughter Tyra is third-grader at the school.

ACROSS THE NATION

Police: Baby cut out of pregnant Kentucky woman

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. (AP)—A woman used a stun gun to subdue an expectant mother before killing her and cutting the baby boy from her body, a Kentucky State Police investigator testified Tuesday. Detective Chad Winn, speaking during a preliminary hearing in Warren County District Court, said Kathy Michelle Coy told 21-year old Jamie Stice they were going shopping for baby supplies but took her instead to a wooded area with plans to kill her. Coy, 33, has been charged with murder and kidnapping of a minor.

WikiLeaks suspect being moved out of Quantico

WASHINGTON (AP)—A Pentagon official says the Army private suspected of giving classified data to WikiLeaks is being moved to a state-of-the-art facility at Fort Leavenworth in Kansas. But the Pentagon's general counsel says this does not suggest that the soldier's treatment of the soldier at the Marine Corps base at Quan-

tico, Va., was inappropriate. Jeh Johnson said Tuesday that Army Pfc. Bradley Manning will be moved in the very near future to the medium security facility at Leavenworth. He says Manning can be moved now because his interview in the Washington region to determine his competency to stand trial has been completed.

Plane with first lady came too close to cargo jet

WASHINGTON (AP)—Federal aviation officials say a plane carrying first lady Michelle Obama aborted a landing Monday after coming too close to a military cargo jet. The Federal Aviation Administration said a Boeing 737, one of the fleet of presidential passenger jets, came within three miles of a massive C-17 as the planes were approaching Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland to land. The FAA requires a minimum separation of five miles between the planes to avoid dangerous wake turbulence. Andrews air traffic controllers ordered Mrs. Obama's plane to abort its landing and circle the airport to give the larger plane time to clear the runway.

Asia

Limited access to nuke plant zone eyed

TOKYO (AP)—Authorities were considering restricting access to the evacuation zone around Japan's crippled nuclear plant Wednesday to limit radiation exposure to residents who may want to return to their homes.

"We are considering setting up 'caution areas' as an option for effectively limiting entry" to the zone, Chief Cabinet Secretary Yukio Edano said.

It was unclear when the ban might be imposed.

About 70,000-80,000 people were living in the 10 towns and villages within 12 miles (20 kilometers) of the Fukushima Dai-ichi plant, which has been leaking radiation after a March 11 earthquake and tsunami wrecked its power and cooling systems.

Tokyo Electric Power Co., the nuclear plant's operator, has begun pumping highly radioactive water from the basement of one of its turbine buildings to a makeshift storage area in a crucial step toward enabling work on restoring the cooling systems.

Removal of the 25,000 metric tons (about 6.6 million

gallons) of contaminated water that has collected just in the basement of the turbine building at Unit 2 of the plant is expected to take at least 20 days, nuclear safety officials say. Fully ridding the plant of 70,000 tons (about 18.5 million gallons) of contaminated water in its turbine buildings and nearby trenches could take months.

Still, a senior official at the U.N. nuclear agency suggested the worst of the radiation leaks may be over in the worst nuclear power accident since the 1986 catastrophe in Chernobyl.

The total amount of radiation released is expected to be only a "small increase from what it is today" if "things go as foreseen," said Dennis Flory, a deputy director general at the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna.

IAEA experts are discussing ways to help Japan meet targets laid out in a blueprint for ending the crisis that TEPCO released over the weekend. Its plans call for achieving a cold shutdown of the plant within nine months. But government

officials acknowledge that setbacks could slow the timeline.

In the meantime, TEPCO is continuing to spray water into the reactors and their spent fuel storage pools to help prevent them from overheating and releasing still more radiation.

TEPCO plans to use technology developed by French nuclear engineering giant Areva to reduce radioactivity and remove salt from the contaminated water inside the plant so that it can be reused to cool the reactors, said Hidehiko Nishiyama of Japan's Nuclear and Industrial Safety Agency.

This process would take "several months," he said.

TEPCO said Wednesday it has begun distributing applications for compensation to residents forced to evacuate from their homes around the plant. The company is offering about \$12,000 per household as interim compensation.

People elsewhere in the disaster zone who lost houses to the tsunami and quake—which also left more than 27,000 dead or missing—say help has been slow to materialize.

PH probes charge generals stole millions

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—The Philippine justice secretary promised Tuesday that allegations that senior generals plundered military coffers for millions of dollars would be promptly investigated to prevent the scandal from seriously damaging one of Asia's poorest militaries.

Long entrenched in Philippine society, corruption is an especially explosive issue in the inadequately equipped and underfunded military and has sparked several rebellions by disgruntled troops in the past 25 years.

Last week, a former military budget officer, Lt. Col. George Rabusa, filed criminal complaints accusing three former military chiefs of staff and 14 other officers of pocketing

more than 2 billion pesos (\$45 million) of funds intended for combat, intelligence and troops salaries.

All those accused have denied any wrongdoing.

Justice Secretary Leila de Lima said the country's top prosecutor will lead a high-level team to examine the evidence presented by Rabusa, who has been offered protection as a government witness.

The prosecutors should rule in 60 days whether the evidence is strong enough to indict the generals.

De Lima said she ordered state prosecutors to address the criminals complaints "expeditiously" because of their "repercussions to the Armed Forces of the Philippines as an

institution."

Rabusa has claimed that the money was diverted from the military budget into a special fund that the generals tapped with the help of military comptrollers.

Testifying before the Senate starting in January, Rabusa alleged that the stolen funds included those intended for joint military exercises with U.S. troops and U.N. reimbursements for expenses incurred by Filipino peacekeeping troops abroad.

Former military chief and Defense Secretary Angelo Reyes, whom Rabusa had also accused of massive corruption, strongly denied the allegations. Reyes committed suicide at his mother's grave last February.

ganu state identified them as students who displayed effeminate mannerisms, said Razali Daud, the state's education director.

Helicopter crashes in northeast India, killing 17

GAUHATI, India (AP)—A helicopter hit a wall and burst into flames as it was trying to land in India's remote northeast Tuesday, killing at least 17 people, police said. The MI-17 helicopter with 23 people on board was trying to land in the Buddhist pilgrimage town of Tawang near the border with China, said S.N. Mosobi, a police superintendent. Mosobi said the six who survived were in a hospital

in Tawang, where the condition of at least three of them was described as critical. Seventeen people were killed.

World

Yemen police fire on ralliers, kill 3

SANAA, Yemen (AP)—Yemeni security forces opened fire on anti-government protesters Tuesday, killing at least three amid rising international concern over the strategically located nation.

The United Nations Security Council met late Tuesday for a first-ever briefing and discussion about the deteriorating situation in Yemen, where rights groups say two months of protests calling for the president to step down have claimed 120 lives.

But the U.N.'s most powerful body couldn't agree on a statement proposed by Lebanon and Germany expressing concern at the political crisis, calling on the parties "to exercise restraint and to enter into a comprehensive dialogue to realize the legitimate aspirations of the Yemeni people," and supporting

the mediation role of the Gulf Cooperation Council.

The Security Council met as a Yemeni government delegation headed to nearby Abu Dhabi, in the United Arab Emirates, for talks with the six-nation Gulf Cooperation Council over a proposal for President Ali Abdullah Saleh to transfer power to his deputy to end the crisis. The opposition held similar talks in Saudi Arabia on Sunday.

Susan Rice, the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, told reporters after the closed Security Council meeting that "there were several delegations that wanted instruction from (their) capitals." Other council diplomats, speaking on condition of anonymity because the talks were private, identified the countries as Russia

and China.

Rice said "several themes emerged, including a call for restraint and an end to the violence" and concerns that the events in Yemen not only have implications for the country's security and stability but for regional and international peace and security. Diplomats said some members raised al-Qaida and piracy in this discussion.

The country's opposition, inspired by the uprisings in Egypt and Tunisia, says nothing short of Saleh's immediate departure would end the unrest.

Strategically located at the mouth of the Red Sea across from lawless Somalia, Yemen is wracked by rebellions, water and food shortages and hosts a deadly local affiliate of the militant al-Qaida network.

Syria lifts hated law, but protesters unimpressed

BEIRUT (AP)—Syria did away with 50 years of emergency rule Tuesday, but emboldened and defiant crowds accused President Bashar Assad of simply trying to buy time while he clings to power in one of the most repressive regimes in the Middle East.

Repealing the state of emergency, which gives authorities almost boundless powers of surveillance and arrest, was once the key demand of the monthlong uprising. But the

protest movement has crossed a significant threshold, with increasing numbers now seeking nothing less than the downfall of the regime.

"They don't want to admit there's a Syrian revolution," said one protester in the city of Baniyas, among thousands who took to the streets in several cities and towns across Syria. "The people are not interested in small changes here and there anymore," he said, asking that his name not be published out

fear for his personal safety.

Instability in Syria has repercussions beyond its borders. Closed-off Syria punches above its weight in terms of regional influence because of its alliances with militant groups like Lebanon's Hezbollah and with Shiite powerhouse Iran. That has given Damascus a pivotal role in most of the flashpoint issues of the Middle East, from the Arab-Israeli peace process to Iran's widening influence.

Britain to send military advisers to Libyan rebels

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP)—Britain is sending up to 20 military advisers to help Libya's ragtag rebel force break a military stalemate with Moammar Gadhafi's army, even as NATO acknowledges that airstrikes alone cannot stop the daily shelling of the besieged opposition-held city of Misrata.

Gadhafi's troops have been pounding Misrata indiscriminately with mortars and rockets, a NATO general said Tuesday, and residents reported more explosions and firefights in Libya's third-largest city. Hospitals are overflowing and 120 patients need to be evacuated from the city that has been under siege for nearly two months, the World Health Organization said.



The plight of Misrata's civilians and the battlefield deadlock are raising new questions about the international community's strategy in Libya. The leaders of the U.S.,

Britain and France have said Gadhafi must go, but seem unwilling to commit to a more forceful military campaign. NATO's mandate is restricted to protecting civilians.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Malaysia sends 66 teen boys to anti-gay counseling

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP)—Malaysian authorities have sent 66 Muslim schoolboys identified by teachers as effeminate to a four-day camp where they will receive counseling on masculine behavior to discourage them from being gay, an official said Tuesday. Gay rights advocates decried the measure as a symptom of widespread homophobia in this Muslim-majority country where gay sex is illegal. The boys between 13 and 17 years old reported Monday for what is officially being called a "self-development course" after their schoolteachers in Tereng-


**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT**


**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
RFP11-EMO-069**

SUBMISSION: MAY 11, 2011 • TIME: 2:00 P.M.

"PROCUREMENT AND INSTALLATION OF AN ACCESS CONTROL AND VIDEO MONITORING SYSTEM FOR THE NEW EMERGENCY OPERATION CENTER"

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A MANDATORY PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD ON APRIL 26, 2011 AT 10:00 A.M. AT THE EMO CONFERENCE ROOM.

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/s/ JOAQUIN P. OMAR
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/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
DIRECTOR, P&S


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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
RFP11-DPW/ED-076**

SUBMISSION: MAY 10, 2011 • TIME: 2:00 P.M.

"SUPPLY, DELIVERY AND INSTALLATION OF SOLAR PV EQUIPMENT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, ENERGY DIVISION"

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/s/ THELMA B. INOS
DIRECTOR, ENERGY DIVISION

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
DIRECTOR, PROCUREMENT & SUPPLY


**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
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Environment

FIRST FRIDAY FILMS

Garbage! The Revolution Starts at Home

How much trash can one family generate and where does that garbage go? Come to the next First Friday Films on May 6 to find out. *Garbage! The Revolution Starts at Home* follows the revealing journey of one family after it decides to keep every scrap of garbage for three months.

Sponsored by the Tan Siu Lin Foundation, *Garbage! The Revolution Starts at Home* will be screened 6:30pm at American Memorial Park Visitors Center.

Writer and director Andrew Nisker takes an average urban family, the McDonalds, and asks them to keep every scrap

of garbage that they create for three months. He then takes them on a journey to find out where it all goes and what it's doing to the world.

From organic waste to the stuff they flush down the potty, the plastic bags they use to the water they drink out of bottles, the air pollution they create when transporting the kids around, to using lights at Christmas, the McDonalds discover that for every action there is a reaction that affects them and the entire planet.

First Friday Films is a monthly environmental film series

organized by the National Park Service and the Division of Environmental Quality.

The Pacific Historic Parks (formerly the Arizona Memorial Museum Association) Bookstore, located inside the visitor's center, will be open until 8:30pm. All proceeds go to community education programs.

As always, First Friday Films is free and open to the public. For planning purposes,

the movie runs 1 hour and 17 minutes long; find more information about the film at www.firstfridayfilmssaipan.blogspot.com. Subscribe to the blog for regular updates on upcoming events. **(DEQ)**

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The Garbage Maven: A toy story of another sort

By SUSAN CARPENTER
LOS ANGELES TIMES

LOS ANGELES—Americans bought 2.9 billion toys last year. As I stumble through the house after play dates, it sometimes feels as if my 8-year-old son owns all of them.

Our living room is exploding with Lego bricks, Nerf weaponry and rubbery bounce balls. My son's bedroom is, more often than not, carpeted with Pokemon cards and comic books, Matchbox cars and "MythBusters" science experiments.

It's a problem that's a lot like bed bugs. I have no idea where a lot of these toys even came from, and getting rid of them responsibly is a lot more difficult than I'd imagined.

Friends and family are usually my first choice for popular, once-loved toys that are in good shape, but what to do with the plastic Thunderbolt Superpower Sword that now bends in half with each parry? Or that tub of pink Floam that's hardened into a repulsive brick of micropellets and grubby-hand dirt? Or the battery-operated Creepy Crawlers bug maker that, just as the online reviews had warned, soon stopped working?

Each broken toy has its place. Unfortunately, that place rarely is the recycling bin.

I have yet to see a single toy marked with a chasing arrows symbol indicating it can be recycled. Most toys are made from mixed materials, usually some combination of metal and a mind-boggling array of plastics. Many of them also incorporate electronics.

Most broken toys should be thrown in the black trash bin, according to the Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation. Nonoperational toys with electronic components are e-waste and may need to be taken to one of the electronic trash drop-off locations in your municipality. (In California, check www.myecollective.com.)

Then there are the toys that have been recalled. Since February 2009, when the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act significantly lowered



KIRK MCKOY/LOS ANGELES TIMES/MCT

Few broken toys can be recycled because of the mixed materials they are made from and most donation centers don't take still-working toys in case they have been recalled. So unwanted toys are usually bound for the trash bin.

lead and phthalate limits in children's products, the Consumer Product Safety Commission has issued more than 60 recalls affecting millions of children's toys. Most of the recalls have been for products that present choking, burning, strangulation, ingestion or laceration hazards, or that contain lead paint. In many area, those recalled toys also should be taken to hazardous waste drop-off sites.

More disturbing than the thought of children's toys being labeled hazardous waste: the idea that there are a lot more toys containing lead than are caught by the safety commission, especially older painted toys and children's metal jewelry.

That concern has filtered down to the donation outlets where I used to drop off castoffs. Until a few years ago, Goodwill, Salvation Army and Out of the Closet thrift stores took such things, and some still do. But used toys probably won't be resold in these stores because they lack the staffing and resources to verify the products' safety.

I recently packed up toys, most of them broken, and trotted off to the above-mentioned charities to see whether any would take the box. Among the items were a Tonka truck that my son had smashed to bits with a hammer, a smiley-face beach ball that had been left outside overnight and had been bitten by a raccoon, and a plastic Ant Farm filled with green gel but not the dead ants, which I had scooped out.

Out of the Closet in South Pasadena had a sign posted at the entrance to its donation area saying it did not accept toys or games. The Salvation Army up the road said it would take the toys and resell anything that still worked; everything else would be recycled or trashed.

At the Goodwill, first, I was told the store would recycle what was inside. When I asked how, I was told the toys wouldn't actually be recycled but would be shipped to a hazardous waste facility along with TVs. A spokeswoman for Goodwill Southern California said stores "tend to dissuade toy donations due to Consumer Products Safety Commission guidelines." The toys that the organization does accept are tested for lead with a Niton analyzer, she said, as well as "evaluated against safety criteria suggested by consumer and regulatory agencies and in accordance with our own standards."

Ultimately, I decided the most responsible destination for my box of broken goodies was Yes We Can E-Waste in downtown L.A. However, the organization couldn't guarantee that none of the contents of my box would get trashed by its recycler. I got rid of the bug maker and broken sword but kept the rest. As I was walking back to my car, a man on the street asked whether he could have two of the stuffed animals, which I gladly handed over. I gave the remaining 15 items to the Salvation Army, hoping the work-

ers would salvage whatever else was possible. According to a spokeswoman for the charity, 20 percent of donated toys are in salable condition; 80 percent are recycled.

This entire exercise got me thinking: Why does the burden of toy disposal fall to consumers and ultimately the municipalities in which they live? Do any retailers or manufacturers take any responsibility for what they're selling?

Toys R Us has ongoing take-back programs for video games and video game hardware, and it ran a trade-in event for damaged cribs and baby items, but it does not reclaim and recycle any of its other toys. A spokesman for Mattel, which sells about 800 million toys worldwide each year, including Barbies and Hot Wheels, said the company has conducted some end-of-life pilot programs but doesn't have any take-back programs at this time.

A Hasbro rep conceded that "the recyclability of toys varies" and said the company is "committed to a wide range of steps in the coming years to build upon our successes" in environmental sustainability. He cited Play-Doh cups, which recently incorporated a No. 5 recycling symbol, and, as of this year, no longer use paper labels—a move the company says will save more than 1,800 trees annually. This year, Hasbro also will eliminate all wire ties from its packaging.

The plush-toy maker Gund offers cleaning tips but doesn't provide any other suggestions for how to handle its polyester products once they've permanently been cast off the bed.

I am to blame for bringing so many toys into my house in the first place, and I'm making a concerted effort to cut down, but it's difficult, with all the random toys my son gets from birthday parties and as gifts.

My son is at an age when he's starting to feel peer pressure; he wants the same Bakugan Brawlers and yo-yos that his friends have. So I recently joined an online toy- and clothes-swapping service, ThredUp.com, which lets parents trade boxes of unwanted kid stuff.

NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Zoning Board will be held on Thursday, May 05, 2011 at 5:00 PM, Zoning Office, 2nd Floor, Joeten DanDan Commercial Bldg., Saipan

A. Preliminary Matters

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Adoption of Minutes
5. Communications
6. Public Comments

B. Public Hearings

1. **Case 2011-0313.** A request by Lourdes M. Austria of Aduana International Freight Forwarding Services, Inc. for a Conditional Use Permit. Aduana International Freight would like to use the existing building on Lot E.A. 825 New 1-1 for a warehouse and wholesaling operation. The property is zoned as "Village Commercial". This site is located directly on Msgr Martinez Road in the Village of As Lito. This is within proximity of the intersection of Msgr Martinez Road with As Lito Drive.
2. **Case 2011-0705.** A request by Pastor Gi Jo Kim for a Conditional Use Permit. The Jesus Love Church would like to establish a church on Lot 005 I 327, along Tinaktak Drive, in Koblerville. The property is zoned as "Village Residential". This site is south of Koblerville Road at the southeast corner (approximately) of Tinaktak Drive and Fanihin Tasi Drive.
3. **Case 2011-0604.** Mr. Howard Wesner III of Town House Inc. is requesting a Conditional Use Permit to build a refrigerated warehouse on Lot 023 D 68, Lot 023 D 69, and Tract 22812, in Lower Navy Hill. This is at the intersection of Pattida Drive and Chalan Pale Arnold Road. Town House Inc. will use the property for wholesaling activities as well as warehousing. The property is zoned as "Mixed Commercial".
4. **Case 2011-0821.** A request by Mr. Naotaka Kagawa of Solar System Corporation for a Variance from the terms of Section 509(d)(2) of the Zoning Law. This is the bulk and dimensional requirements of properties within the "Rural" zoning district. This property is zoned as "Rural". Solar System Corporation would like to construct a Solar Power (Photovoltaic) Generation facility on Lot 032 A 01 in the Village of San Roque. This is just north of the Marpi baseball field and within 2,500' of Wing Beach. To make this project feasible, the applicants request a reduction of the required fifty (50) foot setbacks from the front, side, and rear property lines.

C. Reports

1. Chairman
2. Secretary
3. Treasurer
4. Administrator
5. Committees
6. Legal Counsel

D. Old Business

1. Update on Zoning Office Operations.
2. Revisions to the Zoning Law.
3. Schedule of public outreach efforts.

E. New Business.

4. Election of Board Officers (Vice Chairman and Treasurer).
5. HLB 17-26 – Schedule of Special Board hearings for each recommended rezoning and text amendment in this bill.

F. Executive (Closed) Session

G. Miscellaneous: Other Matters, Announcements, Next Meeting, Adjourn.

For questions or access to materials to be considered at the Board meeting, or if you require assistance, please contact Douglas Wyatt, Zoning Administrator, at 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq. & 10 CMC 3511, et seq.).

/s/ Diego C. Blanco, Zoning Board Chairman

Life & Style

US fans plan parties, teas to watch royal wedding

By CARYN ROUSSEAU
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO (AP)—It's just 10 days until Americans set their alarm clocks for the wee hours of the morning to watch Prince William marry Kate Middleton, and already the royal fever is heating up across the Atlantic Ocean.

In the Los Angeles suburbs, a pub owner plans to stay open all night for a champagne party. In Washington, one woman plans a British tea for 20 guests. In Mississippi, college students will watch as their one-time heartthrob marries his own university sweetheart.

One fan plans to fly halfway across the country to watch the wedding with her daughter, just as they watched Princess Diana's wedding in 1981, while another is taking the day off from work to soak up the details in solitude.

"It's so romantic," says Golriz Moeini, 36, who owns The

White Harte Pub in Woodland Hills, California, and plans to have the wedding playing on seven televisions when it starts at 2 a.m. local time. "Out of the blue there's another beautiful princess wedding that we can look forward to. This is something to be excited about."

Television specials are planned, American magazines are putting out commemorative issues and wall-to-wall U.S. news coverage of the April 29 nuptials is expected.

That Americans are interested in Middleton's marriage to Prince William, whose life has been in the public eye since he was born to Prince Charles and the late Princess Diana, is obvious. But why?

The clue is Middleton's role as a commoner breaking into the unbreakable British monarchy, said Philippa Levine, co-director of the British studies program at the University of Texas in Austin.

"For Americans, that really



This Tuesday, April 5, 2011 photo shows pub owner Golriz Moeini with decorations she plans to use for her royal wedding watch party at her White Harte Pub in Woodland Hills, Calif.

taps into something that's deep in this culture, anybody can succeed, you just have to try hard," Levine said. "It really does, for a lot of people, bring home the possibility that it could be them."

One of those people is college senior Paige Swain, 22, of the University of Mississippi, who says she and her girlfriends will be watching as Prince William

becomes unavailable.

"We've all grown up loving William and thinking we were going to be his wife," Swain said. "I have to see the wedding to make sure he's really taken."

America also is filled with Diana fans, like Laura Southard, 54, of Richmond, Virginia, who had a small bookcase filled with as many as three

dozen Diana books.

"When she died it was just really tragic for me," Southard said. "I wore black every day for a week."

As soon as Prince William's wedding date was announced, Southard took the day off work. She said she wants to sit in the quiet of her home and watch him marry.

"He's been through a lot," she said. "And it looks to me that he's done some really smart things to learn from his mother's experience."

Wedding-watchers will see William and remember how his mother brought glamour, star quality and a breath of fresh air into the royal family, said Yvonne Yorke, royal wedding expert for the cable television station Wedding Central.

"When they look at William they see his mother," Yorke said. "A lot of people want William to find the happiness that eluded Diana."

Lauren Wilson, 28, of Washington, will wake up early to watch the wedding but plans to record it too—to show at a party for 20 women that afternoon at her home.

"I got a bunch of tiny little Union Jack button pins for everyone to wear," said Wilson, whose mother in Welsh. "Big Ben and double-decker bus cupcake toppers. I have been brainstorming other little British things I can do—proper tea, cucumber sandwiches."

Wilson not only has an affinity for Prince William and the monarchy, she said, but also for Middleton.

Rocker Bon Jovi tours Philly shelter for homeless youth

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Rocker Jon Bon Jovi may no longer own a sports team in Philadelphia, but he still keeps the city close to his soul.

Bon Jovi returned to Philadelphia on Tuesday to lend his star power to the opening of a new homeless shelter for teens and young adults.

The New Jersey native is a longtime advocate for homeless causes in Philadelphia, Newark, New Jersey, New Orleans and other cities.

Allowing young people to fall through society's cracks "denies all of us their talents and visions," Bon Jovi told a small crowd at the opening of the Covenant House shelter in the gritty Kensington neighborhood.

The facility will house 20 people, ages 18 to 21. Many of them have aged out of the foster-care system or formerly lived on the streets. The shelter will provide a needed bridge to adulthood and independence, helping residents set work, educational and life goals.

"They don't have a safety net," said Kevin Ryan, president of Covenant House International.

One resident said he had sold drugs and lived on the streets, but he also finished high school.

"I did bad things in the past, but I'm a good person," said Steve, 21, who said he did not want his last name used. "It actually shocks me to know how much people care."

The Jon Bon Jovi Soul Foundation contributed to the \$3 million facility. The singer used to be an owner of the Philadelphia Soul of the Arena Football League. He was recently named to President Barack Obama's White House Council for Community Solutions.

Bon Jovi has been rocking for more than two decades with songs including "Livin' on a Prayer" and "It's My Life." The band has sold more than 100 million records worldwide.

Covenant House works with homeless young adults in the U.S., Canada and Latin America.


Booker Prize honors UK novelist Beryl Bainbridge

LONDON (AP)—Organizers of the Booker Prize have recognized often-nominated Beryl Bainbridge with a posthumous "best of" award.

The special prize, which pitted Bainbridge's five Booker-nominated books against each other in a "Best of Beryl" competition, went to "Master Georgie," a 1998 novel set during the Crimean War.

The prize's literary director Ion Trewin called Bainbridge a "very gracious nonwinner" and said Tuesday that while she may have been the "eternal Booker Bridesmaid," at least Master Georgie had become a "Booker Bride."

The prize was set up after Bainbridge's death last year from cancer. The book was picked through an online poll.



IN CELEBRATION OF HIS NEW LIFE

Ricardo Borja Cruz

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Mother: Antonia Borja Cruz	Children: Ricardo C. Cruz, Jr.
Brothers, Sisters and In-Laws:	Clarissa C. Cruz and Andrew B. Masga
Ana C. and Vicente Arriola	Rose Marie P. Cruz
Mariana C. and Norbert Guzman	Leeza Marie P. Cruz
Monica C. Lizama	Wilbur P. Cruz
Maria B. Cruz	Brothers, Sisters and In-Laws:
Antonio B. Cruz	Enrique B. & Ana Cruz
Fidelia B. Cruz	Candelaria C. & Danny Jose
Norbert B. Cruz	Susana C. and Isidoro T. Cabrera
First Wife: Tina C. Blanco	Joaquin Lizama
Second Wife: Gemma P. Cruz	Diosdada Capilitan
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He is additionally survived by numerous Aunts, Uncles, Nieces, Nephews, Cousins and Friends


Mass of Intention is being offered daily at 6:00 p.m. at the Santa Soledad Church. Beginning Saturday, April 16, 2011 thru Wednesday, April 20, 2011, Rosary will be prayed shortly after mass. On Thursday, April 21, 2011 thru Sunday, April 24, 2011, Rosary will be prayed at 10:00 a.m.

On Monday, April 25, 2011, the departed will be escorted from the CHC morgue at 7:30 a.m. to his residence in Kagman III for final viewing. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11:00 a.m. at the Santa Soledad Church. Interment Service will follow at the Mt. Carmel Cemetery.

Your presence and prayers are greatly appreciated.

Un Dangculo Na Si Yu'us Ma'ase, Ghilison and Thank You.

THE FAMILY



Sheen makes cross-country trek for court, stage

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP)—Charlie Sheen showed Tuesday why sometimes warlocks need wings.

The former “Two and a Half Men” star started his day in a Los Angeles divorce court for a child custody hearing, and will end it in Washington, D.C., where he’s scheduled to perform his stage show.

And somewhere in the middle was a hearing in Santa Monica for his \$100 million lawsuit against his former employers, in which his lawyers argued for a public trial.

Sheen is seeking custody of his twin sons with estranged wife Brooke Mueller. Their divorce will be finalized in roughly two weeks.

Sheen, clad in a black suit and orange tie in court, didn’t reveal the hearing’s outcome,

which was sealed by the judge. Mueller left the courtroom smiling and hugged her attorney, but was equally tight-lipped.

Across town in Santa Monica, Sheen’s attorneys told a judge that they want his lawsuit against War-



This Jan. 28, 2009 file photo shows Charlie Sheen in Los Angeles.

ner Bros. Television and “Men” executive producer Chuck Lorre to be heard in a public court and not through private arbitration as his former employers want.

Sheen’s attorneys claim an arbitration clause in the actor’s contract is unconscionable, but the studio’s attorneys contend it is valid. The judge in the civil case has up to a month to render a decision.

Sheen’s appearance in the Los Angeles divorce court was relatively subdued, though not without the distinct touches he has displayed in interviews and

his stage show. Sheen, who often describes himself as a warlock (among other superlatives), is on a multi-city tour in which he regales audiences with tales of his exploits as one of Hollywood’s top-paid actors.

As the judge ordered the courtroom cleared for the custody hearing, Sheen fist-bumped a reporter.

Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Hank Goldberg sealed the hearing at the request of Mueller’s attorney, saying it was “in the best interest of the children” because of “questions

of abuse and other inflammatory and emotional issues.”

The actor and his estranged wife have sparred in court in recent months, with Mueller accusing Sheen of threatening her with a pen knife.

The couple reached an agreement, and Mueller dropped a request for a restraining order. Sheen’s attorney, Mark Gross, said in court it was unfair that Mueller’s attorneys hadn’t sought to seal the restraining order, which detailed alleged threats Sheen had made.

The day encompassed the

complicated life Sheen faces after “Two and a Half Men.” Another hearing on custody issues was scheduled for June 9.

Despite the busy day, Sheen’s team was encouraged by the legal proceedings from the Warner Bros. and Lorre lawsuit. Sheen’s lawyers presented their arguments for several hours.

Howard Weitzman, Lorre’s attorney, asked Sheen’s attorney how he expected the judge would rule.

“You know what I expect to hear,” Marty Singer replied. “We’re winning!”

Black Eyed Peas to start music academy in NYC

NEW YORK (AP)—The Black Eyed Peas are opening a school where local teenagers will learn video and music production using professional-

quality equipment.

The six-time Grammy Award winners announced Tuesday that their Peapod Foundation together with the Adobe Foundation will open a Peapod Adobe Youth Voices music and multimedia academy in lower Manhattan.

The Peapod Foundation is the hip-hop group’s charitable organization; it’s administered by the Entertainment Industry Foundation. The Adobe Foundation is the philanthropic arm of software maker Adobe Systems Inc., whose products include Ac-

robat, Flash and Photoshop. The two foundations already run three Youth Voices academies in California—in Los Angeles, Oakland and Redwood City.

The New York academy will offer classes to students ages 13 to 19 starting this July, the foundations said.

“Our passion for music and media was fueled by many generous people on our road to success,” Black Eyed Peas rapper will.i.am said. “Expanding the network of Peapod Adobe Youth Voices academies en-

ables us to pay it forward, giving more youth the skills and encouragement they need to realize their dreams.”

The academy will be housed in a facility operated by Urban Arts Partnership, which runs after-school arts programs for teens who attend high-poverty schools.

Students will be accepted into the academy based on recommendations from teachers and demonstrated interests in subject areas such as camera work, editing and graphic design.

Demi Lovato leaving ‘Sonny With a Chance’

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Demi Lovato is leaving “Sonny With a Chance,” the Disney Channel TV series that made her a star.

In an interview with People magazine, Lovato said she didn’t “think going back to ‘Sonny’ would be healthy for my recovery.” Instead, she said she wants to focus on her music career.

The 18-year-old entered a treatment facility for three months last year to deal with what were termed emotional and physical issues.

In a statement Tuesday, Disney Channel said it respects Lovato’s decision to focus on her music and “not immediately” return to acting. “Sonny” will continue airing as a spinoff titled “So Random,” with the original show’s cast, guest stars and musical acts, Disney said.

The company also offered its support while Lovato works to “improve her health and bounce back from adversity.”

In an interview airing Friday on “Good Morning America” and “20/20,” Lovato recounted developing an eating disorder as an 8-year-old who faced bullying. She later started cutting her wrists to vent her despair, she said.

“I’ve spoken openly about being bullied throughout the past few years, but one thing that I’ve never been able to feel comfortable talking about was the effects that it had on my life, afterwards,” Lovato told ABC News’ Robin Roberts.

“I literally didn’t know why they were being so mean to me,” she said. “And when I would ask them why, they would just say, ‘Well, you’re fat.’”

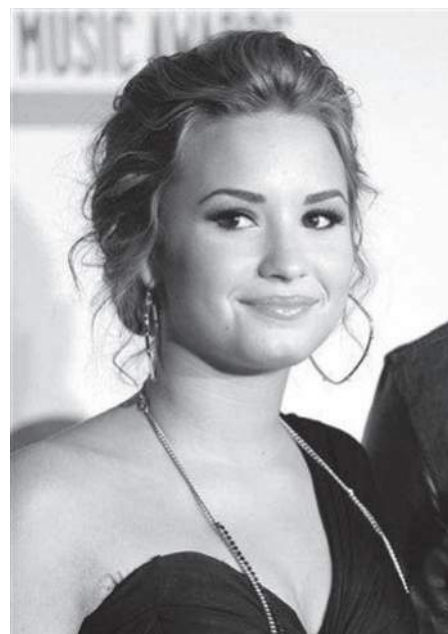
While undergoing treatment at a residential facility in Illinois, Lovato said she was sustained by thoughts of her younger sister, Madison, who plays the daughter of Eva Longoria’s character on ABC’s “Desperate Housewives.”

“A picture of my little sister ... was one of the main things that kept me going,” Lovato said. “I just kept thinking, ‘OK, set this example for your little sister.’”

She said also wants to set an example for other young girls facing the challenges she’s battling to

let them know “it doesn’t have to be this way.”

Disney said the “Sonny” spinoff has “allowed us to save over 75 full-time jobs and of course, business for the many vendors who get work from the production.”



AP

In this Oct. 12, 2010 file photo, actress and singer Demi Lovato is pictured during nominations for the 2010 American Music Awards in Los Angeles.

3-D erotic comedy shakes up Hong Kong box office

HONG KONG (AP)—A pioneering 3-D erotic comedy has taken the Hong Kong box office by storm, setting a first-day record and drawing viewers from mainland China as it eyes a global rollout.

The \$3.5 million Cantonese-language production “3D Sex and Zen: Extreme Ecstasy”

has made 17 million Hong Kong dollars (\$2.2 million) as of Tuesday since opening on 73 screens last week, according to figures provided Wednesday by producer Stephen Shiu. That’s nearly seven times the total take so far for Hollywood thriller “Scream 4,” which has earned HK\$2.5

million (\$320,000).

“Sex and Zen” brought in HK\$2.78 million (\$360,000) on its opening day last Thursday, eclipsing the previous first-day record set by James Cameron’s 2009 3-D sci-fi epic “Avatar,” which earned HK\$2.63 million (\$340,000) on its first day.

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Anne Hathaway, will.i.am
 Children's/Family • Rated G

Synopsis

Rio is a comedy-adventure-love story between two rare macaws. Rio movie is somewhere between being production and post-production. The story is about a geeky macaw that travels from his small home in Minnesota to the complexity of the Rio de Janeiro. He gets on the adventure of a lifetime, learning to open himself up to all that life has to offer along the way.



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Neve Campbell, David Arquette
 Horror • Rated R

Synopsis

The Scream franchise returns from the dead in Wes Craven's fourth entry of the Dimension Films slasher series. Neve Campbell, David Arquette, and Courtney Cox Arquette return to their iconic roles dating back to the original breakthrough film in 1996.



Arthur
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Russell Brand, Jennifer Garner
 Comedy • Rated PG 13

Synopsis

Arthur is a sweet but wildly irresponsible playboy whose millions have left him lonely and with no motivation in life. On the threshold of an arranged marriage with a simpering socialite whom he does not love, Arthur meets the spunky, blue-collar waitress Linda Marolla, and falls head over heels.



Your Highness
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 Sunday 1:30 4:30 7:30
 Mon thru Thurs 4:30 7:30
James Franco, Natalie Portman
 Comedy • Rated R



Hanna
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 Saturday 1:15 4:15 7:15 10:00
 Sunday 1:15 4:15 7:15
 Mon thru Thurs 4:15 7:15
Saoirse Ronan, Cate Blanchett
 Thriller • Rated PG 13



Hop
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James Marsden, Russell Brand
 Children's/Family • Rated PG



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Jake Gyllenhaal, Michelle Monaghan
 Science fiction, Thriller • Rated PG 13

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A model performer is dismissed from 'Dancing'

LOS ANGELES (AP)—She was praised as a “golden goddess” on Monday, but now Petra Nemcova is a “Dancing With the Stars” reject.

The model and humanitarian was dismissed from the hit ABC show on Tuesday, but she vowed to continue dancing.

“It’s been a life-changing

journey, not just for me, but also so many people got inspired because of the ‘Dancing With the Stars’ show that I started to do dance-a-thons at schools to fundraise for Happy Hearts and change the lives of so many children around the world,” Nemcova said as she learned her “Dancing” fate.

After surviving the 2004 tsunami in Thailand, Nemcova founded the Happy Hearts Fund to improve the lives of children in natural-disaster areas through education.

She and professional partner Dmitry Chaplin danced their way into in a three-way tie for last place. The couple collected

22 points out of 30 for a quick-step routine Monday that earned mixed reviews from the judges, though Bruno Tonioli called the model a goddess with “lines that could rival Ferrari, Maserati and Lamborghini put together.”

Judges’ scores are combined with viewer votes to determine which celebrity is ousted each week.

Nemcova said being on the show “forces you to look at challenges straight in the face and overcome them.”

“My life is changed forever,” she said. “I will take that with me and I’m incredibly grateful for it.”

TV bondsman says he bailed out actor Nicolas Cage

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—Spokeswoman Heather DeBail bondsman Duane Chapman, known as “Dog the Bounty Hunter” to reality TV fans, says he put up the \$11,000 bond that got actor Nicolas Cage out of jail Saturday after his arrest in the French Quarter.



Cage

The statement said Chapman described himself as a Cage fan but says he was acting on behalf of Cage solely as a client and not for publicity for his cable TV show.

The statement said Chapman

won’t grant interviews.

New Orleans police said Cage was arrested after he grabbed his wife’s arm and pounded on cars in a drunken argument about whether a nearby house was the one they were renting. He was booked on charges of domestic abuse, disturbing the peace and public drunkenness.

Mariah Carey talks twins, shares nursery pictures



In this undated publicity image released by Life & Style magazine, singer Mariah Carey is shown in the nursery of her Los Angeles home in the current issue of “Life & Style” magazine on sale nationwide on Friday, April 22, 2011.

Mariah Carey hasn’t even given birth to her twins yet, but she’s already dismissing the idea of more children.

The expectant mother talked about her pregnancy to Life & Style magazine in an issue that hits newsstands nationwide Friday.

When asked if she would

like to have more children, Carey admits it would require “a much stronger person” than her to go through pregnancy again, adding she’s “ready to be done.”

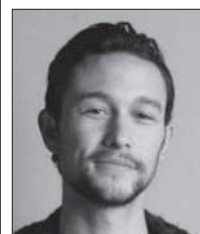
Carey and husband Nick Cannon are expecting a daughter and a son this spring.

The singer says carrying

multiple babies “can be difficult” but that “it’s all worth it.” She also says she’s ready to have her body back and she misses wearing high heels.

Carey and Cannon gave the magazine a first look at the babies’ rooms in the couple’s homes in Bel Air, California, and New York City. (AP)

Cotillard, Gordon-Levitt join ‘Dark Knight’ cast



Gordon-Levitt

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Marion Cotillard will serve on the board of

Wayne Enterprises, and Joseph Gordon-Levitt is joining the Gotham City police force in “The Dark Knight Rises.”

Warner Bros. says the two actors have been added to the cast of the final chapter in the “Dark Knight” trilogy.

Director Christopher Nolan previously worked with Cotillard and Gordon-Levitt in “Inception.”

Cotillard won an Oscar for her portrayal of Edith Piaf in 2007’s “La Vie en Rose.” Gordon-Levitt was nominated for a Golden Globe for his starring role in “(500) Days of Summer.”

“The Dark Knight Rises” also stars Christian Bale, Anne Hathaway and Tom Hardy. The film is set for release on July 20, 2012.

There’s plenty of blame to share for dog’s injuries

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE



Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: “Heartbroken in New York” (March 8) expressed his concerns about his dog “Layla’s” injuries after his son’s friend “Isaac” tried to ride on the dog’s back. He asked you whether he and his wife should inform Isaac’s parents. You responded in the affirmative and stated Isaac’s parents should be responsible for the damages to the dog.

I disagree. Dog owners are responsible for supervising their pets when children are present. Our dog Max, who I dearly loved and raised alongside our two children, was not by nature fond of children. Therefore, I never allowed him out of my sight when children were around. I supervised him constantly—for the children’s sakes as well as Max’s.

“Heartbroken” was at least partly responsible because he decided to let Layla fend for herself around Isaac, “who doesn’t have a dog.” While what happened to the animal was extremely unfortunate, holding the other parents responsible for damages is unfair.

A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE

DEAR DIFFERENT: Thank you for your perspective, which was repeated by many readers. I hope the following responses will serve as important reminders to pet owners. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: “Heartbroken” should invite Isaac and his parents over to see Layla with their own eyes so they can understand the extent of the dog’s injuries. Isaac needs to learn that if he hurts another living creature, there will be consequences. Because his parents missed teaching their son this lesson, “Heartbroken” should do it. Childhood is not about being protected from essential life lessons; it’s a time to learn how to become caring, responsible adults.

LISA IN ALBUQUERQUE

DEAR ABBY: I found it disturbing that Layla was being kept on pain medication for “three weeks and is growing progressively worse.” That family needs a new vet. X-rays and an MRI should have already been in the works. Yes, such procedures are expensive, but they are also necessary to assist our speechless friends.

HEALING HEARTS IN NEW YORK

DEAR ABBY: The responsibility for any damages caused by an unsuspecting child to the dog should be the owner’s to bear. “Heartbroken” made a mistake by leaving Layla alone with the children. I always keep my pets near me when neighbors visit. It’s my job to protect my pet. If “Heartbroken” had taken the time to set boundaries about playing with the dog, this might have been avoided. What’s sad is that Layla is suffering for it.

MARY IN JOHNSTOWN, PA.

DEAR ABBY: You suggested Layla’s owners tell Isaac’s parents to explain the mistake he made and that they should pay for the damages. There is another important reason for this lesson to be explained. If Isaac tried to ride on the back of a less tolerant dog, he could have been bitten and seriously injured. Even an otherwise gentle dog could interpret a “ride” as a threat and respond aggressively. Pet ownership requires accepting responsibility, and that includes educating those who don’t know in order to prevent accidents or injuries.

SAFETY FIRST FOR DOGS AND KIDS

DEAR ABBY: I’m sorry about the injury to that dog. But I guarantee that if the dog had bitten Isaac, his parents would be suing or demanding payment of all medical bills. It’s a sad day for all.

GARRY IN DAYTON, OHIO

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ENTERTAINMENT TIDBITS

Mary Robbins dies just 12 days after husband

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Actor-director Tim Robbins’ mother, musician Mary Robbins, has died. She was 78. Robbins’ father, Gil Robbins, died earlier this month. Robbins says his mother died Sunday of a heart arrhythmia, just 12 days after her husband of nearly 59 years passed away. She died at the couple’s home in Esteban Cantu, Mexico. Mary Robbins studied music at the University of California, Los Angeles, and performed professionally in the 1950s. She successfully battled colon cancer through nutrition and alternative medicine, eventually earning a bachelor’s degree in holistic nutrition. She volunteered her services at a clinic near the couple’s Mexico home. Robbins says his mother “had a calm and cheerful demeanor, a sharp wit, a gentle spirit and a generous and loving heart.” She is survived by four

children and four grandchildren.

Jeff Bridges preps new album with T Bone Burnett

NASHVILLE, Tennessee (AP)—Jeff Bridges is working on a new album that will be his major-label debut. The Oscar-winning actor has signed with EMI’s Blue Note Records and is working with his “Crazy Heart” collaborator T Bone Burnett on an album that will include original material and the work of other songwriters. A news release issued Tuesday says Bridges was inspired by his work with Burnett on “Crazy Heart,” which earned Bridges an Oscar for best actor and Burnett a best original song trophy. Bridges has been a musician much of his life and has previously released recordings on his own. He first met Burnett on the set of “Heaven’s Gate” 30 years ago when they were introduced by Kris Kristofferson.

Guests will include Rosanne Cash and Sam Phillips.

Jude Law, Uma Thurman among 8-member Cannes jury

PARIS (AP)—Jude Law and Uma Thurman are among the eight-member jury of this year’s Cannes Film Festival. Robert De Niro will preside over the rest of the judges at the 64th Cannes Festival that starts next month. Among those that will also be judging the movies are Argentina’s actress and producer Martina Gusman, Chinese producer Nansun Shi and Norwegian critic and writer Linn Ullmann. Festival organizers said Law and Thurman will also be joined by French director Olivier Assayas, Chadian director Mahamat Saleh Haroun—winner of Cannes’ 2010 Jury Prize—and Hong Kong director Johnny To. The May 11-22 festival features 19 films in competition for the

Palme d’Or.

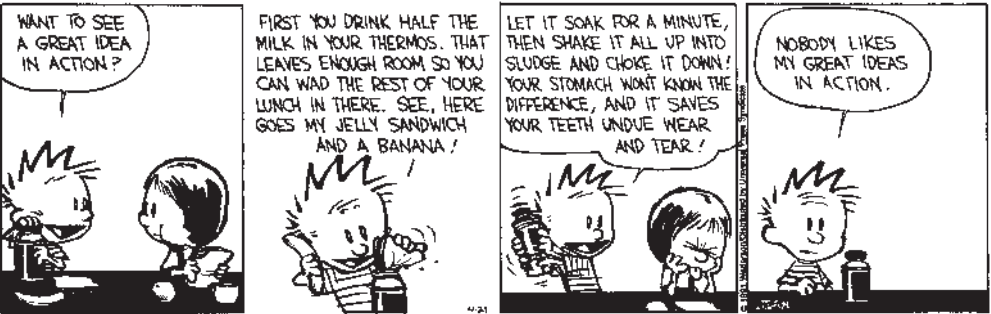
MTV’s inaugural O Music Awards bound for Las Vegas

NEW YORK (AP)—MTV is taking its inaugural O Music Awards to Las Vegas. The network announced Tuesday that its planned show honoring digital music and fandom will take place at a “mystery location” in Las Vegas on April 28. The hourlong live show will stream online and on mobile. The show includes categories like “must-follow artist on Twitter” and “best fan cover.” Fan voting will decide the awards. MTV says 1.9 million votes have been cast. At the Vegas event, rapper Chidera “Chiddy” Anamege of the hip-hop group Chiddy Bang will try to enter the Guinness World Records for longest freestyle rap. Other scheduled performers will include Lupe Fiasco, Lil B, Matt & Kim and Mumford & Sons.

Pastimes

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By Bill Waterson



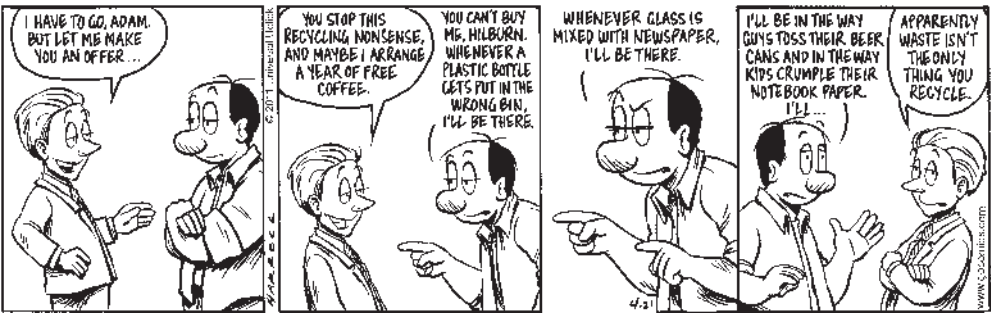
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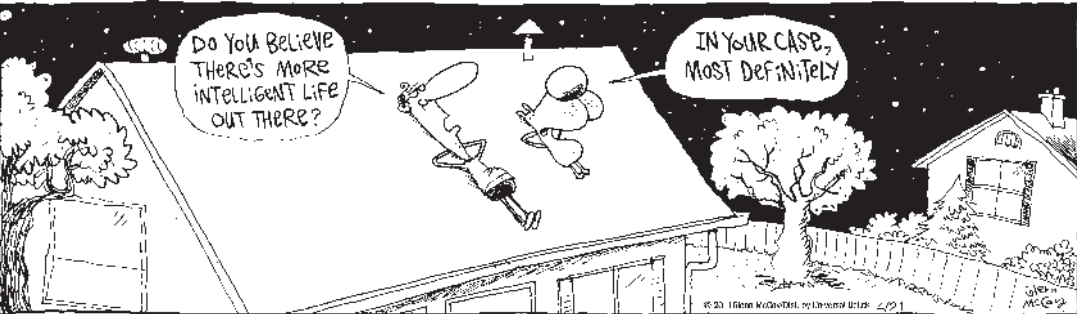
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By Glenn McCoy



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By Eugene Sheffer

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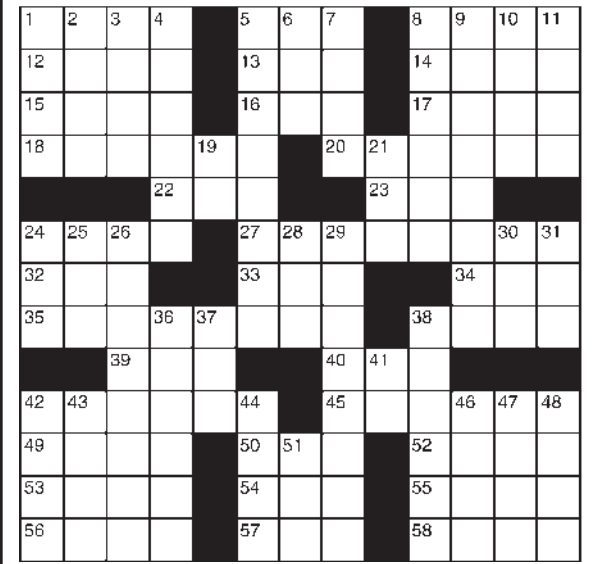
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Professional events will lead to an adventure and a new best friend. Travel or a change of scenery will motivate you to take on more responsibility and to strive for greater professional freedom. ★★★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Budgeting should be your prime objective. Unexpected bills will add to your anxiety if you've been frivolous. Protect your assets and you will maintain security and eliminate stress. ★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Keep everything out in the open professionally. You are facing a lot of changes but, handled properly, you will be able to reach your goals and come out in front emotionally, mentally and financially. A romantic promise can be made. ★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You'll be able to make career moves that will lead to professional advancement and more money. But, before you trade in one position for

another, make sure your new contract is signed and sealed. ★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Your high energy and dynamite personality will need an outlet. Join a group that allows you to use your talents fully and challenges you to be your best. Physical activities will result in new friendships. ★★★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Put as much into your financial and domestic situation as possible. A residential move or an investment will help to clear debt or raise your assets. Your ideas may not complement what others want you to do but follow your heart and your own needs. ★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You're gifted when it comes to seeing both sides of a situation, making you a perfect mediator for a friend or family member. Keep in mind that if you are too pushy, you will make an enemy. ★★★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You'll be the center of attention at social or business events. Don't hesitate to pursue people from your past who may be able to help you. Your competitive nature and refusal to admit defeat will lead you to success. ★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Trying to skirt issues will backfire. Emotional deception must be cleared up in order to regain the social freedom to come and go as you please. It's time for new beginnings. ★★★

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Consider starting a small home business. A unique way to invest your money will be presented but, if it means forming a partnership, take a pass. Anger and upset will result. ★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Get involved with individuals or activities that offer you an intellectual or physical challenge. Someone from your past or that you've known a long time will influence a decision you need to make. ★★★★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Don't confront anyone or any situation with the potential to backfire, causing you loss or injury. You won't get much sympathy from friends or family if you make a foolish mistake. A change of attitude may be in order. ★★

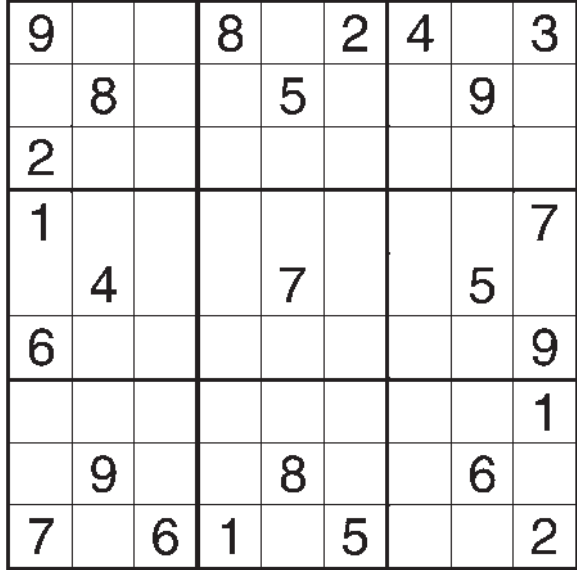
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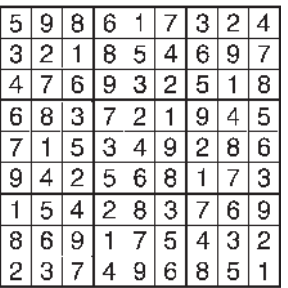


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By DAVID OUELLET

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on September 19, 2008, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendant in and to the following property: (a) Lot No. 005 1 180, situated in Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 005 1 02, the original of which was recorded March 11, 1983, as Document No. 16707, at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office, Saipan; and (b) Tract No. 225840-1-1, located in Chalan Kanoa, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, as more particularly described on DLS check No. 2119/92, deeded to Daniel Muna Cabrera on August 24, 1998, and recorded as File No. 99-2096 on September 3, 1999.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on Friday, May 13, 2011, at the hour of 1:30 pm, at The Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

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Celtics take 2-0 lead over Knicks with 96-93 win



BOSTON (AP)—The Boston Celtics pulled out their first two playoff games with big finishes. They want to play much better from the start next time.

"We were lucky to win," coach Doc Rivers said after a 96-93 victory on Tuesday night over the depleted New York Knicks and Carmelo Anthony's 42 points.

Kevin Garnett sank the go-ahead basket with 14 seconds left then stole the ball with 4 seconds remaining as the Knicks—without Amare Stoudemire for the second half and Chauncey Billups for the whole game—still gave the Celtics all they could handle.

"I probably (have) never been more proud of a team and how they battled the circumstances," Knicks coach Mike D'Antoni said, "how hard they played and how tough they played."

Billups had a strained left knee and his status for Game 3 on Friday night is uncertain. Stoudemire had back spasms but expects to be back when the best-of-seven Eastern Conference first-round series resumes.

Rajon Rondo led the Celtics with a career playoff-high 30 points, 14 of them in the first quarter when he kept driving to the basket.

"I tried to attack Game 1," he said, "It's just (that) my lanes were getting blocked."

Anthony matched his career playoff high for points and set a new high with 17 rebounds as the Knicks held a 53-37 advantage on the boards. Toney Douglas had 14 points in place of Billups.

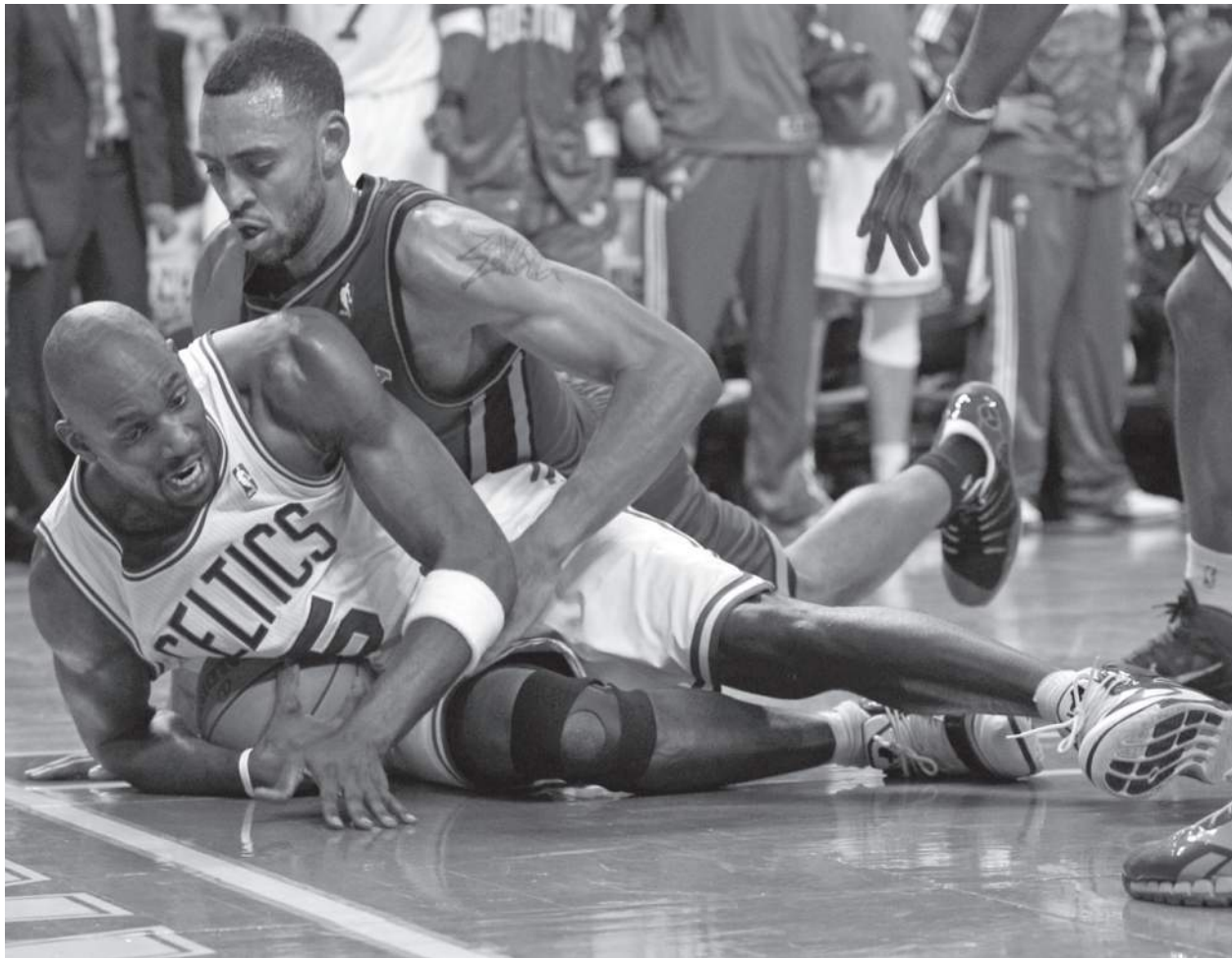
Paul Pierce had 20 points after missing his first five shots, and Ray Allen, who hit the game-winning 3-pointer in Boston's 87-85 win in the opener, scored 18.

Now the sixth-seeded Knicks, who have tested the third-seeded Celtics, must win at least one of two at home to bring the series back to Boston.

"The Celtics didn't do anything special," Anthony said. "They won two games on their home court. Now it's our turn to go to our home court and try to do the same thing."

Rivers wasn't raving about his team's play, either.

"We didn't execute very well," he said. "We played hard. ... Hard is great."



Boston Celtics forward Kevin Garnett (5) gets to a loose ball and controls it against New York Knicks forward Jared Jeffries, right, in the final minutes of Game 2 of a first-round NBA basketball playoff series in Boston on Tuesday, April 19, 2011.

Hard and smart is much better."

Garnett hit the decisive jump hook after backing Jared Jeffries into the lane.

"I wasn't really in a nice rhythm," said Garnett, who had 12 points and 10 rebounds. "I just remained calm, went to a shot I knew I could make."

Anthony was the obvious choice to shoot on New York's final possession. So Pierce and Glen Davis swarmed him when he got the ball just inches from Boston's bench, forcing him to pass to Jeffries, who tried an interior pass instead of going up with the shot.

D'Antoni said Anthony made the right play.

"He's the best at closing the game," D'Antoni said.

In the opener, though, Anthony missed a long 3-pointer with two seconds left.

Garnett said he was simply reacting when he made the steal, as Jeffries

hesitated momentarily.

"When I caught it my initial route was there, but I felt like KG was coming and closing down," Jeffries said. "I should have went ahead and shot the ball."

The Knicks then fouled Delonte West, who made two free throws with 0.6 seconds to go.

The Knicks had gone ahead 91-88 with 2:35 left when Anthony took a pass beyond the left arc and made a 3-pointer despite being bumped by Pierce. Pierce followed with two free throws, then both teams missed jumpers.

On the next possession, Pierce drove the lane to draw a defender and fed a wide-open Garnett for a dunk that put the Celtics on top 92-91 with 49 seconds to go.

Jeffries followed with a layup, giving New York its last lead at 93-92 with 20 seconds left.

With the score tied at 59, the Celt-

ics went on a 15-4 run led by Pierce's seven points. Allen and Jeff Green hit 3-pointers during the surge that put Boston on top 74-63 with 45 seconds left in the third quarter.

Then Anthony single-handedly brought the Knicks back by scoring their first seven points of the fourth quarter while Boston managed just a jumper by Pierce. New York was making a game of it, down only 76-74 with 10:01 to play. At that point, Anthony had scored the Knicks' last 13 points and 18 of 20.

After a timeout, Ronny Turiaf tied the game for the Knicks at 76 with a short shot.

Rondo, threading his way at high speed through New York's big men, had 14 of Boston's first 18 points after scoring just 10 in the entire first game. He went to the bench for a rest with the Celtics ahead 18-11 with 3:59 left in the first period. On one play, he sprint-

ed like a wide receiver and hauled in a long pass from Garnett ahead of the field and drove for an easy layup.

The rest of the game was far from easy for Boston, even with New York missing two of its top three players.

"In a tough game like this, coming down the stretch, coming down to the wire, I think it gives (our) guys momentum," Anthony said.

Mavericks 101, Trail Blazers 89

In Dallas, Peja Stojakovic tied his career playoff best with five 3-pointers and had 21 points, helping Dallas down Portland and take a 2-0 series lead.

Jason Kidd continued showing off a surprising scoring touch with 18 points, while Dirk Nowitzki scored 14 of his 33 points in the final quarter for Dallas, which hadn't won the first two games of a playoff series since the 2006 NBA finals.

Portland led most of the first half, but the Mavericks went ahead on a 3-pointer by Kidd seconds into the second half and never trailed again. Dallas spread out its scoring, tightened up its defense and protected the ball — zero turnovers the final 28:42.

Portland's LaMarcus Aldridge scored 24 and Gerald Wallace and Wesley Matthews regained their scoring touch after struggling in the opener, but the Trail Blazers got only 11 points from their bench, none in the second half.

Magic 88, Hawks 82

In Orlando, Dwight Howard had 33 points and 19 rebounds to help Orlando defeat Atlanta and square their best-of-seven series 1-1.

Jameer Nelson added 13 points and eight rebounds for the Magic, who will travel to Atlanta for Game 3 on Friday.

Orlando used a 10-1 run to close the third quarter to take an 11-point lead into the fourth and fought off a late Atlanta charge.

After allowing the Hawks to become the first opponent in 16 straight playoff games to score 100 points against it in Game 1, Orlando's defense tightened around Atlanta's shooters in Game 2. The Hawks shot 39 percent.

Jamal Crawford led Atlanta with 25 points and Josh Smith added 17.

Lakers' Lamar Odom wins Sixth Man award from NBA

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Whether he's on the court, in the locker room or at home with his reality-TV-star wife, Lamar Odom has evolved into the consummate supporting player.

The Los Angeles Lakers think it's high time Odom got his own spotlight for being so willing to step back.

Odom won the NBA's Sixth Man award on Tuesday as the league's top reserve, easily outdistancing Dallas' Jason Terry to win the first significant award for individual achievement in a career mostly spent supporting others.

"It's been a long time coming. I just kept at it," Odom said, accepting the award while Kobe Bryant and Derek Fisher led a round of cheers. "I've learned so much from the dudes in the locker room. I've just been so blessed to be around you guys."

Odom was widely expected to be a major hoops star while growing up in Queens. After a disappointing start to

an NBA career spent largely on losing teams, he has achieved a unique version of that stardom with the back-to-back champion Lakers.

It all happened in a way Odom never expected: by willingly becoming a sixth man.

"There was a point in my career where people were ready to call me an underachiever," Odom said. "Winning an award like this is right at those people that were ready to call me an underachiever. There's still some goals I want to set. I would love to play in an All-Star game, (but) the better I get, the more I can help this team just continue to win."

Odom averaged 14.4 points, 8.7 rebounds and 3 assists per game this season while playing in every game for the Lakers. He was a starter for long stretches of the season while center Andrew Bynum was sidelined with injuries, but also came off the bench 47 times.

Bryant, Fisher and Pau Gasol were among several Lakers who showed up at a hotel ballroom near the Lakers' training complex to give a standing ovation to the player widely acknowledged as the most popular guy in the locker room. Odom choked up briefly while thanking current and former teammates for the award.

"I'm very happy for him," Bryant said. "It's extremely well-deserved."

Odom is the first Lakers player to win the award, which began in 1983. Atlanta's Jamal Crawford won it last season.

Odom received 96 of 117 first-place votes from the media panel to beat Terry, who finished a distant second with 244 total points to Odom's 513. Philadelphia's Thaddeus Young was third with 76 points, and Boston's Glen Davis finished fourth with 75.

Crawford received five first-place votes while finishing fifth, and Phila-

delphia's Lou Williams received a single first-place vote.

Odom was a starter during his first nine NBA seasons with the Clippers, Heat and Lakers, but moved primarily to a reserve role during the 2008-09 season at coach Phil Jackson's request. Odom acknowledges he was ambivalent about the move when Jackson first proposed it nearly three years ago.

"My competitive spirit, at first I didn't accept it," Odom said. "I remember when Phil told me he wanted me to do it, I walked into the locker room. We were about to start training camp, and I looked around at Kobe and Pau and Andrew Bynum. ... I understood right away it would make our team a much deeper team. We all understand how important bench play is."

The Lakers won the NBA championship that year and the next, with Odom coming off the bench for all but five of Los Angeles' 46

playoff games.

Odom got another individual honor of sorts when he played for the U.S. national team at last summer's world championships, winning a gold medal with a solid effort that spread into an outstanding start to the current NBA season.

"It's good recognition of a player that has really filled a role for us the last couple of years," said Jackson, who advocated Odom for his first All-Star berth after his outstanding start to the season. "To be named to the USA team was really big for him, and to start on that team was important."

A few weeks ago, Odom said he planned to put the Sixth Man trophy on the scorers' table at center court at Staples Center if he won it.

"When I came off the bench, they started to give me a round of applause they never gave me before," Odom said. "I don't know if they appreciated me more, or appreciated how I handled the situation, but I know I hadn't experienced anything like that before."

Sanchez helps Giants close in on Rockies



DENVER (AP)—Jonathan Sanchez gave up only two hits over 6 1-3 innings to guide the San Francisco Giants to a 6-3 win over the Colorado Rockies as the National League West's two top teams clashed Tuesday.

San Francisco's offense gave Sanchez (2-1) a four-run lead to work with thanks to Pablo Sandoval's three-run homer before the lefty even stepped foot on the mound.

Aubrey Huff also went deep for the Giants, who will go for the three-game sweep Wednesday and attempt to cut further into Colorado's two-game divisional lead.

Brewers 9, Phillies 0

In Philadelphia, Randy Wolf pitched six crisp innings to steer Milwaukee over Philadelphia.

Ryan Braun and Casey McGehee homered for Milwaukee, which became the first team to win a series against the NL East-leading Phillies this season. They'll try to complete a three-game sweep on Wednesday when Cliff Lee takes the mound for Philadelphia.

Wolf (2-2) struck out five against his former team. The left-hander was Philadelphia's ace in the early 2000s.

A bunt single in the first and a double in the third were the Phillies' only hits of the game.

Marlins 6, Pirates 0

In Miami, Josh Johnson pitched seven scoreless innings and drove in the first two runs to help Florida beat Pittsburgh.

Johnson (3-0) lowered his ERA to 1.00. In four starts, batters are hitting just .112 against him.

He has never thrown a shutout in 108 career starts, and he was pulled by manager Edwin Rodriguez after throwing 98 pitches, 64 for strikes. Mike Dunn and Brian Sanches each worked one perfect inning to complete the two-hitter against a team that came into the game with the highest road batting average in the NL.

Pirates starter Paul Maholm (0-3) allowed six runs and lasted only 3 2-3 innings, his shortest outing in four starts.

Diamondbacks 5, Reds 4

In Cincinnati, Ryan Roberts—who only made the starting lineup because of an injury—hit two of Arizona's four homers to lead Arizona over slumping Cincinnati.

Roberts had the second multihomer game of his career, a solo homer and two-run shot off Sam LeCure (0-1). Kelly Johnson and Chris Young also connected.

Diamondbacks starter Armando Galarraga (3-0) went six innings and matched the best start of his career. J.J. Putz pitched the ninth for his fourth save in four chances.

The Reds have dropped five of six.

Braves 10, Dodgers 1

In Los Angeles, Atlanta pitcher Brandon Beachy got his first major league victory by throwing six scoreless innings against Los Angeles.

Beachy (1-1) struck out seven in his seventh big league start. He came in with a 5.19 ERA over his three previous outings this season.

The Braves got home runs from Martin Prado, Freddie Freeman, Dan Uggla and pinch-hitter Eric Hinske to rout the Dodgers.

Los Angeles starter Hiroki Kuroda (2-2) allowed two runs in 6 1-3 innings, and it got worse for the Dodgers from there.

Astros 6, Mets 1

In New York, Wandy Rodriguez found his form against punchless New York, pitching seven sharp innings to lead Houston to victory.

Carlos Beltran homered for the Mets, who have dropped 11 of 13.

New York starter Jonathon Niese (0-3) walked five and threw 113 pitches in six innings as New York fell to 1-7 at Citi Field, losing its past six at home.

Royals 5, Indians 4

In Kansas City, Missouri, Alex Gordon had two hits, stretching his hitting streak to 13 games, to lead the

Kansas City Royals to a win over the Cleveland Indians in a clash between the unlikely pacesetters in the American League Central division.

Kansas City starter Bruce Chen (3-0) went seven strong innings, and beat the Indians for the fourth straight time while extending his personal winning streak, dating to last season, to seven games over 11 starts.

Cleveland pitcher Jeanmar Gomez (0-1), making his first major league start after being called up from the minors earlier in the day, took the loss on a cold and blustery night.

Royals closer Joakim Soria pitched a shaky ninth for his fifth save in six opportunities.

Angels 15, Rangers 4

In Arlington, Texas, rookie first baseman Mark Trumbo homered and drove in four runs to help power Los Angeles to a big win over Texas.

Trumbo, playing his 24th career game, had three hits. Maicer Izturis and Peter Bourjos also homered among his four hits for the Angels.



San Francisco Giants starting pitcher Jonathan Sanchez works the first inning against the Colorado Rockies in a major league baseball game at Coors Field in Denver on Tuesday, April 19, 2011.

Los Angeles' fill-in starter Matt Palmer (1-0) limited Texas to one run over six innings, walking only one batter.

Texas starter Colby Lewis (1-2) took the loss as the defending American League champions lost their a home game for the first time this season.

Blue Jays 6, Yankees 5, 10 innings

In Toronto, Travis Snider doubled home the winning run in the 10th inning to lift Toronto over New York.

The Blue Jays scored twice off Yankees closer Mariano Rivera in the ninth to tie the game, before winning it against Ivan Nova (1-2).

Edwin Encarnacion opened the 10th with a single. After two fly outs, Snider drove a double to right-center, scoring Encarnacion. Snider tossed his helmet away in celebration as the winning run scored.

Jon Rauch (1-1) pitched one inning for the win as Toronto snapped a three-game losing streak.

Rays 2, White Sox 1

In St. Petersburg, Florida, James Shields struck out nine batters to lead Tampa Bay over Chicago, and to its seventh win in eight games.

Shields (1-1) walked just one in his sixth career complete game, and first since 2008.

Starter Jon Danks (0-2) gave up seven hits in sev-

en innings for the White Sox, who have lost six in a row. He hit two batters.

Athletics 5, Red Sox 0

In Oakland, Brett Anderson struck out eight and outdueling usual Oakland nemesis John Lackey for his first victory of the season as the Athletics beat Boston.

David DeJesus got Oakland on the board with a first-inning RBI groundout, then Hideki Matsui added a two-run double and Daric Barton and Kurt Suzuki each hit RBI singles in a four-run eighth. Anderson (1-1) didn't even need all that support in an efficient 109-pitch outing in which he helped the A's move over .500 for first time this year.

Boston remains winless away from Fenway Park, was blanked for the second time this season, and had its three-game winning run ended.

Mariners 13, Tigers 3

In Seattle, light-hitting Seattle capitalized on 11 walks allowed by Detroit, routing the Tigers.

The Mariners entered as the worst hitting team in

NFL, locked-out players prepare for Day 4 of talks



MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—

Three days and 20 total hours of court-ordered mediation between the NFL and its locked-out players have shown little signs that the two sides are making progress toward a settlement.

So owners and players are headed back for a fourth day of negotiations. The league and attorneys representing current, former and future players are scheduled to resume mediation on Wednesday, with the federal judge who ordered them back to the table expected to decide soon on the players' request to half the NFL's first work stoppage since 1987.

The two sides resumed their meetings on Tuesday after a three-day break, with Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones seated at the table for the first time.

Some have questioned whether the two sides were committed to negotiating while awaiting U.S. District Judge Susan Richard Nelson's ruling on the players' request to lift the lockout. Michael Hausfeld, the lead attorney for a group of retired players, said both sides are working hard to reach a settlement, as was Nelson's hope when she ordered the mediation on April 6.

"This is no charade. This is no illusion. This is going to come to a resolution either by the parties compromising or agreeing or by a judgment," Hausfeld said before the talks began. "And even with a judgment, many times there is then a discussion as to how to compromise the judgment so there is not a winner-take-all situation."

"This takes time. The court is doing everything within its power to get the parties to realize that."

Players including MVP quarterbacks Tom Brady and Peyton Manning filed the request for the injunction along with the antitrust claim. The lawsuit has been combined with two other similar claims from retirees, former players and rookies-to-be, with Hall of Famer Carl Eller the lead plaintiff in that group.

Nelson said at the initial court hearing that she would take "a couple of weeks" to rule on the injunction request. Wednesday marks exactly two weeks from that statement, and the decision could significantly sway the leverage.

Jones joined Commissioner Roger Goodell, Packers CEO Mark Murphy, Falcons President Rich McKay and owners Pat Bowlen of Denver and Jerry Richardson of Carolina on the NFL side of the table on Tuesday.

Named plaintiffs Ben Leber, Mike Vrabell and Eller were there for the players on the same day the NFL released its regular season schedule for a 2011 year that is in jeopardy if the labor fight continues to drag on in the court system.

All declined comment at the end of the long day of negotiation. The two sides will meet again on Wednesday morning in front of U.S. Magistrate Judge Arthur Boylan.

Any decision Nelson makes, Hausfeld said, would certainly be appealed to the federal appellate court. That takes time—and there isn't a ton of that left.

"There's no question that any ruling Judge Nelson makes will be a first step," he said. "It will be taken on appeal."

Hausfeld said both sides seemed to understand the gravity of the situation.

Reyes wins XGA April Ace of the Month

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John Reyes won the X-Clusive Golf Association's April Ace of the Month Tournament with a net 67 to top a 14-player field at Coral Ocean Point last Sunday.

Reyes hit the turn with a gross 44 and came in with a 43 in the back nine for an 87 gross.

Last month's winner, J.J. Atalig finished two strokes behind him in second place after scratching an impressive 75. Atalig finished the first nine just one over par and kept it going on the back for a strong three-over par total before the handicap adjustment.

J.J. Cabrera took a 46 on the first nine holes and came back to the clubhouse with a 43 for an 89 gross and ended up with a 71 net, good for third place.

Carl Hocog won closest to the pin on hole No. 3; Yasu Irinaka on hole



WALTER CEPEDA-SUTHERLAND
John Reyes is all smiles after netting a 67 during the X-Clusive Golf Association's April Ace of the month last Sunday at Coral Ocean Point.

No. 7; Atalig on hole No. 12; and Luis Cepeda on hole No. 14. The players were awarded small cash prizes along with 30-day bragging rights.

Normally, XGA events are scheduled on Saturdays, but adjusted, in this instance, to coincide with member Greg Sablan's birthday celebration.

Reyes joins Atalig, February ace and XGA vice president Gerald Guerrero, and January ace Capt. Peter Guerrero as monthly winners, with eight more events to go.

The fourth XGA season starts in January and concludes with its annual yearend tournament in December. All monthly aces win automatic entry into the yearend final event. More details and updates will be released later. XGA currently has 37 active members.

The May monthly ace date and venue are still being determined.

Memberships are available and for more information, contact XGA president Dave Cepeda at 285-0931 or secretary Jay Cabrera at 287-9478.

RGA April Ace Saturday at COP



The Refaluwasch Golf Association will have its April Ace Tournament this Saturday at Coral Ocean Point.

The score to beat is net 69, which Asterio Tawanpiy posted during the April Ace qualifier on April 10, also at the Agangan Point course. If no one scores better than 69, Tawanpiy gets to keep this month's Ace.

Check-in time for the weekend tournament is at 11am, while tee off is at 12pm.

Meanwhile, RGA is encouraging its members to support upcoming tournaments on Saipan, such as the NMC Foundation Open and the COP Blue Tee Tournament/Pacific Games Fundraiser.

The NMC Foundation Open will take place on April 30, while the blue tee event/Pacific Games fundraiser will be a two-day event and will be held on May 14 and 15.

RGA has also announced that the club is still open for membership at \$25 per year. For more information about RGA tournaments, contact Tars Olopai at 483-5508, Tony Rogolifo at 288-3515, and Jess Wabol at 288-1129. **(Rose-lynn B. Monroyo)**

MP UNITED

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The shutout win now brings MP United's goal scored to 16. In its four wins, the league-leading MP United (4-0-0) allowed only four goals.

Jake Lee was unstoppable in MP United's fourth victory after making four goals, two apiece in the first and second half. Two of his four goals were all off

headers. Jehn Joyner scored and MP United was credited with an own goal.

The 0-6 loss was Shirley's third in four games. It has gained only one goal so far this season and has given up 19.

Paire 6, Tan Holdings 2

In the first boys U15 game at the Oleai pitch, Paire downed Tan Holdings FC, 6-2.

Brian Lee had twin goals

for Paire, which drew one goal apiece from Hunter Jewell, Delin Reusora, Jeff Cheon, and Kim Won Jun. Tan Holdings got its goals from Dan Deric Ibarra and Abundo Besenio.

With the win, Paire improved to a 2-0-2 win-draw-loss record. So far, it has collected 15 goals and allowed 11 to keep the No. 3 spot in the five-team field.

Tan Holdings is in fourth place with its 0-1-3 card. Tan Holdings has earned only five

goals and given up 16.

Second-running Matansa (3-0-1) drew a bye last week and will only return to the pitch next Saturday against Shirley's FC at 4:30pm. This game, along with the MP United-Paire tiff at 3pm, will be played at the CPA Field. Tan Holdings earned a bye for the April 30 play date.

The spring youth league will not be playing this Saturday in observance of the Holy Week.

The girls U15 division,

which had its last weekend's games called off due to an activity at the Hopwood Junior High School Field, will resume action also on April 30 at Hopwood with MP United taking on Paire at 3pm and Matansa battling Tan Holdings at 4:30pm.

Matansa and Paire share the

league's lead with their similar 3-1-1 records. MP United holds a 1-3-1 slate, while Tan Holdings has a 0-1-4 mark.

In the boys U18, the April 30 schedule will have Matansa facing Paire at 12pm and MP United challenging Independents at 1:30pm. Both games will be played at the CPA pitch.

MACARANAS

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where he finished second. He also competed in the Heartwell and Birch Hills Spring Classic where she placed fifth and eighth, respectively.

The four tournaments were part of the Southern California PGA Spring Series.

The CNMI junior golfer also joined the LA City Junior Golf Championship last weekend, but results of the tournament were unavailable at press time.

It will be Macaranas' third time in the LA City tournament played at the Balboa Golf Course and Woodley Lake Golf Course. Last year, he placed fourth and in his first appearance in the same tourna-

ment a few years ago, he was a runner-up.

He had a practice round at the Woodley Lake Golf Course before joining last weekend's event and he impressed a high school coach.

"I played a practice round at Woodley Lake with the high school varsity golf coach and his player. The coached said he was very happy that he got

to play with me and said that I will be going places with my game," Macaranas said in an email to *Saipan Tribune*.

"Coach Frank of Encino CA High School knew Woodley Lake Golf Course very well and showed me his local knowledge of the course. Coach Frank said he can't believe I hit so hard, like a pro at such a young age," Macaranas added.

PROA

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3-8 and Salty's fell to a slate of six wins with a handful of losses.

NMC Proa 10, Enamo Meta 7

Enamo Meta took an early 5-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning off a two-RBI triple by Hermina Kelley, a double by Jen Tegita, and a second two-RBI three-bagger by Jovie Omar.

NMC Proa managed a run off an error in the top of the second inning, but Enamo's Kelley whacked another RBI triple in the bottom frame to put Enamo ahead, 6-1.

Proa started the third with a couple runs off errors, but Enamo halved its deficit and tied the game at 6-all in the top of the fourth off a two-RBI triple by Edwina Baulechong and an RBI base rip by Heather Kladikim.

Enamo then took a brief 7-6 lead with a run off a fielder's choice in the bottom frame, but

Proa pulled ahead, 9-7, in the top of the sixth off an error and a pair of RBI singles by Polly Omechalang and Crystal Mendiola.

Enamo was held scoreless in its last three inning, while Proa added a run off a base hit from Felisa Brel in the top of the seventh.

Proa's Kladikim swung 4-for-5 with an RBI and two runs.

Phat Boyz 8, Salty's 3

Salty's broke the ice with two runs off an error and a sacrifice fly by Melvin Aldan in the opening frame, but Phat Boyz answered in the bottom frame and took the lead, 4-2.

Jess Iguel belted an RBI double, Byron Kaipat an RBI single, and Kyle Kaipat airmailed a two-run homerun.

Phat Boyz's Frank Rosario then hammered a solo shot in the bottom of the second to put his team ahead, 5-2.

Both teams managed runs in the fifth inning as Salty's scored off an error in the top half and Phat Boyz got a run from a sacrifice fly by Marvin Kaipat.

Salty's was then stuffed

1-2-3 to start the sixth and Phat Boyz added two runs off an error and a base rip by Craig Sanchez in the bottom frame before the team went on to squeeze the last three outs.

Kyle Kaipat batted 2-for-3 with two RBIs and a run.

Your Balls 15, Red Eye 5

Your Balls shot ahead, 6-0, right out of the gate off eight hits and a fielder's choice.

Steve Igisaiair hammered a two-RBI triple, Pat George a two-RBI single, and Oliver Secharmidal an RBI base knock in the inning.

Red Eye only mustered a run in the bottom frame thanks to a solo homer by Jack Sablan.

Phat Boyz then pressed on with five more runs to start the second off a three-run bomb by Secharmidal and a pair of RBI singles by Joe Lizama and Joshua Arriola.

Red Eye managed to get a couple of runs back from a two-run blast by Swain Cangco in the bottom frame.

After a scoreless third, Your Balls' Giovanni Ayuyu smashed

an RBI double and scored later off an error to give his team a 13-3 advantage in the top half of the fourth. Red Eye answered with just a run in the bottom frame.

Later in the sixth, Your Balls added two more runs off a pair of solo homers by Ayuyu and Secharmidal and Your Balls held strong on defense in the bottom frame.

The team allowed one run to score, but kept the run-rule decision intact when the dust cleared.

Your Balls' Ayuyu and Secharmidal combined for half of their team's offensive, while teammate Joe Lizama batted 4-for-4 with an RBI and two runs.

In light of Good Friday, CSA action continues Monday night with Berdax (4-4) squaring off against V-Power in the men's division (6-3) at 6:30pm; followed by a women's matchup featuring division frontrunners Sakudi (8-1) and Enamo Meta at 7:30pm; and concludes with an 8:30pm men's pairing between Calikano-Groupers (4-6) and Laolao Bay (2-7).

SWEEP

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SSC's Kento Akimaru placed third with 20 markers.

In the boys 11 to 12 age group, only Kaito Yanai and Takumi Sugie made the cut with the former winning after tallying 30 points against the latter's 28.

In the open division, Kaisei Toda stunned his two favored teammates after having the most events among four competitors and gaining 16 points. Kensuke Kimura placed sec-

ond with his 10 points, while Kai Staal and Marvin Lee were tied for third with eight markers each.

In the girls division, Tammy Miku won the 9 to 12 age group after collecting 30 points.

Angel De Jesus entered the 11 to 12 and open divisions and topped both groups.

She garnered 30 points to prevail over two SSC swimmers—Grace Kimball and Keanna Villagomez. Kimball settled for second place after tallying 18 points, while Villagomez was relegated to third with her 16 markers.

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	9	6	.600	-
Tampa Bay	8	9	.471	2
Toronto	8	9	.471	2
Baltimore	7	9	.438	2 1/2
Boston	5	11	.313	4 1/2

Central Division

Cleveland	12	5	.706	-
Kansas City	11	6	.647	1
Detroit	8	10	.444	4 1/2
Chicago	7	10	.412	5
Minnesota	6	11	.353	6

West Division

Los Angeles	11	6	.647	-
Texas	11	6	.647	-
Oakland	9	8	.529	2
Seattle	6	12	.333	5 1/2

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

Philadelphia	10	6	.625	-
Florida	9	6	.600	1/2
Washington	8	7	.533	1 1/2
Atlanta	8	10	.444	3
New York	5	12	.294	5 1/2

Central Division

Cincinnati	9	8	.529	-
Milwaukee	9	8	.529	-
Chicago	8	8	.500	1/2
St. Louis	8	8	.500	1/2
Pittsburgh	8	9	.471	1
Houston	6	11	.353	3

West Division

Colorado	12	5	.706	-
San Francisco	10	7	.588	2
Arizona	7	8	.467	4
Los Angeles	8	10	.444	4 1/2
San Diego	7	9	.438	4 1/2

Yesterday's Games

Tampa Bay 2, Chicago White Sox 1
Baltimore 11, Minnesota 0
Toronto 6, N.Y. Yankees 5, 10 innings
L.A. Angels 15, Texas 4
Kansas City 5, Cleveland 4
Oakland 5, Boston 0
Seattle 13, Detroit 3
Milwaukee 9, Philadelphia 0
Arizona 5, Cincinnati 4
Houston 6, N.Y. Mets 1
Florida 6, Pittsburgh 0
San Diego at Chicago, ppd., rain
Washington at St. Louis, ppd., rain
San Francisco 6, Colorado 3
Atlanta 10, L.A. Dodgers 1

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All Island Invitational 3

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Swimmers plunge into the pool during the Tsunami Saipan-organized All Island Invitational 3 at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool last Saturday.



Kai Staal gets ready for the 100m backstroke race.



Swimmers show form in the 100m backstroke.



Andrew Kimball swims the fifth lap of the 800m freestyle race.



Hiroto Yanai nears completion of the 100m butterfly race.



Swimmers wait for their respective races.



Above, Takumi Sugie races in the 100m butterfly.



Left, Victoria Chentsova gasps for air during the third lap of the 800m freestyle swim.



Left, a participant in the All Island Invitational 3 plunges into the water during the 100m backstroke race.

Right, Angel De Jesus breathes during the 100m butterfly race.





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MP United keeps streak in youth spring league



MP United's Jehn Joyner, left, goes for a kick while being defended by a Shirley's Football Club player during their boys U15 game in the NMIFA youth league last Saturday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

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MP United extended its winning run in the boys U15 division of the 2011 NMIFA Youth Spring League to four after whipping Shirley's Football Club, 6-0, last Saturday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

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Macaranas warms up for world tournaments

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CNMI pride R.J. Macaranas competed in five tournaments in preparation for his stints in three world championships.

In last month's General Old

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
R.J. Macaranas watches his ball during a tournament in California last year.



Spring Classic in Riverside, California, the 12-year-old golfer who qualified for the 2011 Callaway Junior World Golf Championship, and 2011 Future Champions World Championship, and the 2011 U.S. Kids World Golf Championship this summer, won first place. The victory in California earned Macaranas a slot to the 2011 Bridgestone Tournament of Champions, which will be played at Olivas Links in Ventura, California on May 28 and 29.

Next up for Macaranas was the Casta Del Sol Spring Classic
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Sweep for Tsunami Saipan swimmers



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From left, Tsunami Saipan's Kaisei Toda, Kensuke Kimura, and Kaito Yanai, plunge into the pool during the 100m freestyle race in the All Island Invitational 3 last Saturday at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool.

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Tsunami Swimming Center Saipan dominated the pentathlon competition in the All Island Invitational 3 after winning all seven divisions of the weekend tournament at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool.

In the boys U8 division, Lukas Kang ranked first after earning 28 points, two points ahead of runner-up and teammate Ryuto Yanai (26). Saipan Swim Club's Lennosuke Suzuki rounded out the Top 3 with his 12 points.

Kang was expected to rule the age group, but Yanai gave him a good fight. Both swimmers also crushed age group records over

the weekend.

Winners in each age group were determined through a point system. Swimmers got points based on how they finished in each event. A first place finish was equivalent to 10 points, eight for second, six for third, and so on. However, only swimmers who made the cut-off time in the pentathlon competition received points. Events lined up in the weekend tournament were 100m swim in all four strokes, 200m individual (for U10), and 400m IM (for 11 to 12 and open divisions).

In the boys 9 to 10 age group, Tsunami Saipan had another 1-2 finish with Ryosei Toda leading the field with his 36 points. Teammate Hiroto Yanai came in at second with 26 points, while

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Proa upsets Enamo Meta



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Your Balls' Giovanni Ayuyu, seen here in a file photo, batted 3-for-4 with a homerun, two RBIs, and two runs in last Monday's 15-5 victory against Red Eye in the 2nd Annual Budweiser Slow-Pitch Softball League at the Capital Hill Ballfield.

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NMC Proa overcame a five-run deficit in the first inning to rally over second-ranked Enamo Meta, 10-7, in last Monday's Chamolinian Soft-

ball Association 2nd Annual Budweiser Slow-Pitch Softball League women's match-up at the Capital Hill Ballfield.

Proa evened its record to 4-4, while Enamo dropped its second win in eight games.

In men's play, Phat Boyz improved its winning streak to eight and handed Salty's its third loss in a row with an 8-3 victory,

while Your Balls run-ruled Red Eye, 15-5, in six innings.

Phat Boyz still trails defending champions Natibu by three games, while Your Balls evened its card to 4-4. Red-Eye now holds a record of

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